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## Canadian mom freed from jail

**PAKISTAN** A Canadian mother of three who spent more than two years in a Pakistani prison after being accused of smuggling heroin has been freed.

An advocate for Deborah Kerr said the 37-year-old woman from Brighton, Ont., was released yesterday after winning her appeal of a life sentence for drug trafficking.

Kerr was arrested Feb. 1, 2007, at Islamabad airport. She always insisted the drugs found were planted by a man who left the bag behind. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pan Am Games bid chairman David Peterson, with Margarett Best, minister of health promotion, and Michael Chambers, president of the Canadian Olympic Committee looking on, hands a copy of the bid book to Premier Dalton McGuinty yesterday.

# Bid book on way

## Province puts forward Pan Am Games proposal

**As David Peterson jets off to Mexico City today to hand-deliver the bid book outlining Toronto's $2.4-billion plan to host the 2015 Pan Am Games, he's warning of the danger of overconfidence.**

"Our biggest enemy is smugness, assuming somehow or other that we have some God-given right to this. We don't," Peterson told reporters yesterday after handing over a copy to Premier Dalton McGuinty. "We need these games."

**50** The bid promises more than 50 venues across the Golden Horseshoe — including six new facilities to be built in Toronto, Markham and Hamilton — from rowing in St. Catharines to BMX racing in Barrie to shooting in Ajax and Oshawa.

The 233-page bid book — which sets out details from venues to financing to transportation — will be formally submitted to Mario Vazquez Rana, president of the Pan American Sports Organization.

With two failed Olympic bids, Toronto is hoping for redemption when officials meet in November to pick the winning bidder.

Bogota, Colombia, and Lima, Peru, are the other bidding cities, and "they're improving their game," Peterson said. "As it goes toward the end, it's getting more and more competitive. They're totally dedicated to winning and they're not fooling around."

The winning city will be announced in November.

The bid book boasts of plans to recruit 19,000 volunteers as well as athlete scholarships that would give athletes from other countries the chance to live and train in Canada, and regional coaching seminars and clinics.

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## Tim's finds support across all lines

**COFFEE** The double-double and cruller have it over the latte and biscotti hands down, a new poll suggests.

The survey suggests that fans of the Tim Hortons brand outnumber Starbucks people 4-1.

And it indicates that Tim Hortons is the great Canadian leveller, whose popularity cuts across political lines and unites old and young, rich and poor.

Folklore portrays the average Tim's customer as a pick-up-driving Everyman who scorns frappucinos.

The poll suggests, though, that the well-off Tory is almost as likely to drop in to Tim's as the blue-collar New Democrat or the downtown Liberal.

Overall, the Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey found 49 per cent of respondents called themselves Tim Hortons people, as opposed to 12 per cent who preferred the Starbucks label.

The same rough 50-10 split showed up when Tim's customers were asked about their political preferences.

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### Politics

- Among Conservatives, 53 per cent went with Tims and 10 per cent chose Starbucks.
- Among Liberals, the divide was 49-13.
- For the NDP, it was 54-11 in Tim's favour.

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**Privacy Commissioner reappointed**
Dr. Ann Cavoukian has been reappointed by the Ontario Legislature for an unprecedented third term as the province's Information and Privacy Commissioner. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Local

## Cops search for missing teen

Toronto police are searching for a 16-year-old boy who suffers from an autistic disorder after he went missing following a concert Tuesday night. Mason MacPhail, left, of Lindsay, Ont., was attending a concert in the city's east end when he became separated from his three friends. He was supposed to meet the friends at the venue's parking lot at 11:30 p.m., but didn't show up. A police search for MacPhail has yielded no clues to his whereabouts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Alan Cross is back spouting his encyclopedic music knowledge in Sound Check.

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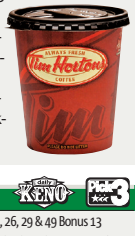


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# Ontario made cap-and-trade

**Ontario and Quebec are moving ahead with plans to create a cap-and-trade system to fight climate change because they couldn't wait any longer for the Canadian and U.S. governments to come up with one of their own, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.**

**"The reason that we are going to move ahead together with Quebec is because we can't wait for Washington or Ottawa to move ahead."** Premier Dalton McGuinty

The provinces have grown impatient with Ottawa's sluggish pace in creating a national carbon-trading regime to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, he said. So Ontario has followed Quebec in introducing legislation yesterday that will pave the way for cap-and-trade in the province, he said.

"The reason that we are going to move ahead together with Quebec is because we can't wait for Washington or Ottawa to move ahead," McGuinty said. "And we want to make sure we have in place a framework at least — before we can talk about putting a price on carbon ... that allows Ontario businesses to know where the future is going to be."

But that future is still murky. McGuinty couldn't provide specifics about how the system will work, who would be targeted, whether it would set hard caps on emissions, or even penalize polluters who don't follow the rules.

He also dodged questions about whether Ontario's worst polluters — its coal-fired generation plants — will be forced to bear extra costs under the system, which could be passed on to taxpayers.

The government has delayed the shutdown of its coal-fired plants until 2014 at the latest, but a regional cap-and-trade system is expected to be in place by 2012.

A cap-and-trade system places a ceiling on greenhouse gases and lets participants buy and sell emissions permits within that cap. Those who don't meet the emissions targets can buy credits from others with a surplus.

Quebec and Ontario reached their own agreement on cap-and-trade last June, which was scheduled to be in place by 2010 but was pushed back by two years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Public property, private God?

**PARKS** The story of Noah's Ark featured on playground equipment in two west-end Toronto parks has sparked debate over whether religious material belongs on public property.

City officials say the play structures that feature the story of 40 days and 40 nights of rain, along with pictures of animals in twos, have been in Christie Pits Park and McCormick Playground for at least 10 years, possibly 15 years.

Last month, a resident complained about the display, and now officials say it should be removed — but only when the play equipment has worn out.

"It bothered me, this religious story in our public park," said Denny Alexander, father of 2-year-old Dominic and 1-year-old Oscar.

He wrote to city officials, but received little explanation from parks officials.

Monica Gupta, chair of the 300-member Friends of Christie Pits Park formed about 18 months ago, believes the equipment should be yanked.

Coun. Adam Giambrone agrees displaying the Noah's Ark story goes against the city's general policy of inclusiveness.

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Four year old June Zhang plays recently at McCormick Playground in Toronto near Dufferin and Dundas streets.

# Formula gold for shoplifters

**THEFT** Baby formula needs babysitting.

At the Pharma Plus on Kingston Road, assistant manager Ruth Maravilla keeps the powdered baby product close to where she sits, puts two security tags on each can and tries to keep a minimal number of tins on the shelves.

The formula still gets stolen.

"It goes missing all the time," said Maravilla. "We do everything we can, but formula is one of the things shoplifters go for. It sounds crazy but it's true."

Some rip off the tags, or they load a basket with formula and try to run out the door.

A costly item that is an essential for some homes, baby formula attracts shoplifters because they can sell it on the black market.

A security guard was stabbed Tuesday at Sheridan Mall when she tried to stop a man fleeing the Zellers store with baby formula. She was taken in critical condition with a perforated kidney to Sunnybrook, where her condition has stabilized.

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## News in brief

**TRANSIT** The TTC has broken the ridership record it set last fall. The system carried about 470.8 million rides between May 18, 2008 and May 17, 2009. Last fall, the TTC announced it had broken a 12-month ridership record dating back to the late 1980s, with 466 million rides. Typically, transit ridership dips in a recession, but that hasn't been the case this year, said TTC spokesperson Brad Ross.

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## Cops arrest suspect in GTA shooting

**FIREARMS** Police have arrested two teens accused of shooting an 18-year-old in the leg in Brampton Monday, an incident that prompted the lockdown of two area schools and sent police to secure six others.

A 19-year-old man and a 16-year-old boy, both from Brampton, are charged with several firearms-related offences.

Officers tracked the pair down yesterday and they remain in custody for a bail hearing later today.

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**Barn blaze probed**
Investigators are probing a fire at an abandoned barn west of Mississauga early yesterday, the second such fire in the GTA in two days. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Ontario still on track

## No plans to change deficit projections

**Ontario won't be following Ottawa in raising its deficit projections because of worsening economic conditions and an aid package to General Motors and Chrysler, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.**

Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty shocked many Tuesday by announcing Canada's deficit will soar to more than $50 billion this fiscal year — a $16-billion increase from the amount forecast that prompted the federal Liberals to demand his dismissed yesterday.

One of the factors cited for the change was billions of dollars in aid to the struggling auto sector.

McGuinty said Ontario, which is on the hook for a third of the aid, has no reason to believe the province will have to update its own projections.

"I have no reason to believe at this point in time, based on the updates I've received from the minister of finance, that we aren't able to manage this," McGuinty said.

**"I have no reason to believe at this point in time ... that we aren't able to manage this."**
Premier Dalton McGuinty

The Ontario budget promised $3.4 billion in contingency and an additional $1.2 billion in reserve.

The government refused to specify how much of that money was meant for the auto loans, and Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan again declined to provide specifics after the budget passed yesterday in the legislature.

"We have built considerable contingency into our budget and have a lot of flexibility to move in-year to address line-by-line differentials," Duncan said.

"It's an ongoing process but, overall, I believe we have adequate reserves and contingencies."

McGuinty reiterated yesterday the aid remains on the table, whether the restructuring happens under bankruptcy protection or not. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Outbreak numbers jump in GTA

Flu **Outbreak**

The latest results of confirmed swine flu cases in Ontario show a 41 per cent increase in the number of infected people, the majority of them in the Greater Toronto Area.

The Ministry of Health yesterday revealed 143 new cases of the H1N1 flu virus in the province, a jump from 352 to 495 cases. Of those, 139 of the new cases have been reported by public health units in Greater Toronto.

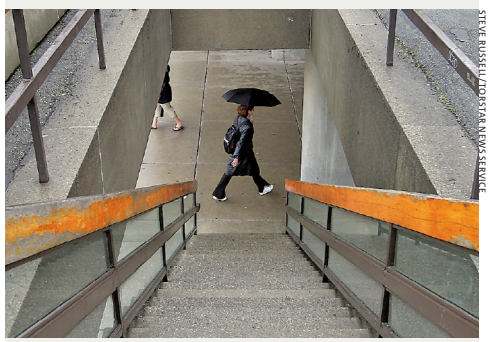
The GTA now accounts for 451 cases, or 91 per cent, of all cases in the province.

Provincial officials say the increase in numbers is due to more monitoring, testing and clearing of a backlog of cases.

"The large increase in cases is due to enhanced surveillance, increased laboratory testing capacity and the processing of a backlog of tests conducted on the weekend by public health officials," Dr. David Williams, Ontario's acting chief medical officer of health, stated in a news release yesterday.

Toronto has had 237 cases, or almost half of the total cases in the province. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Weather **Waiting for warmth**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A solid string of warm weather continues to elude Toronto as cool rainy weather hits Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto yesterday. Wet weather is forecast until Sunday.

## Clerk robbed, locked in freezer

**INCIDENT** A female Subway employee was robbed and locked in an Ajax sandwich store's freezer early yesterday.

A man entered the 24-hour shop with a gun and confronted the 47-year-old woman shortly after 5 a.m.

After tying up her wrists and taping her mouth shut, the robber shoved the employee into the walk-in freezer, stole an unknown amount of money and turned the store's lights off. The employee was not found until her daytime co-worker showed up at 5:30 a.m.

Though she was shaken up, the employee did not require medical attention.

Anyone who can help find the suspect can contact Durham police at 1-888-579-1520 or Crime Stoppers.

Police are describing the suspect as black man in his mid-to-late 20s, standing five-feet, nine-inches tall wearing all black clothing, including a black toque and a black scarf, and red winter gloves. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## News in brief

**SUSPECTS** Police are hunting for six people who broke into a Markham home early Monday morning and robbed it at gunpoint. The drama started around 2:30 a.m. when the couple that owns the house were awakened by masked intruders carrying guns. They demanded money. The suspects then proceeded to search the home, grabbing money, liquor and electronics before fleeing the house on Highglen Avenue, a residential street that runs parallel to 14th Avenue, east from Kennedy Road. Police don't know why the thieves targeted the home, said Sgt. Laurie Perks of York Regional Police. Anyone who can help can contact police at 1-8866-876-5423. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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**Police report spike in deaths related to off-road vehicles**

A surge in the popularity of off-road vehicles has resulted in a dramatic spike in the number of fatalities connected to the pastime, police say. So far this year, Ontario has recorded eight deaths related to off-road vehicles. By this time last year, one person had been killed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Teens make positive changes

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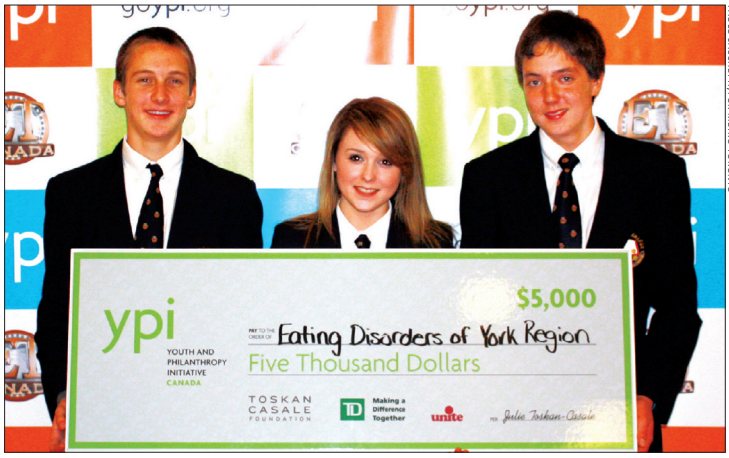
**Taylor McDowall and two friends from Newmarket's Pickering College beat out hundreds of other Ontario high school students earlier this week to win a whopping $5,000.**

The coveted prize, presented during a special ceremony at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, was a well-deserved reward for their hard work researching and advocating for a local charity of their choice. But the money wasn't for the three teens to divide amongst themselves.

Instead, it was made out to the charity, one they had been learning all about in the previous months: Eating Disorders of York Region — a Thornhill-based charity that offers hope and support to people affected by eating disorders.

"The $5,000 is actually 10 per cent of their annual revenue," said McDowall, a 15-year-old Grade 10 student.

The prize money came from the Toskan Casale Foundation's Youth & Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) — a program designed to help high school students learn first-hand about social issues affecting their communities and the positive change that philanthropy can make while also benefiting a local charity by offering students the opportunity to win a $5,000 grant on behalf of their chosen charity.

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**The winning group from Newmarket's Pickering College, Colin Davies, left, Taylor McDowall and Alec Steirman, was rewarded this week for its work in advocating Eating Disorders of York Region by the Toskan Casale Foundation's Youth & Philanthropy Initiative.**

Founded in 2001 by Julie Toskan Casale, Victor Casale and Frank Toskan, the group is committed to supporting and strengthening community-based organizations that reach out to at-risk people.

"We got involved with the YPI program by our careers teacher," said McDowall. "He basically just gave us the assignment and we didn't expect to get this passionate about it. But, by the end, we really, really wanted to win. And we did end up winning, which is great."

After deciding on a charity to research, the teens had to create a presentation, including its ethics, finances and accountability. Five groups were chosen at McDowall's school to go through to the final round of competition, competing against groups from other schools across Ontario.

"I think there were about 200 different schools there from across Ontario," she said of the awards ceremony. "Basically, it was just a congrats to all the groups that won throughout the different schools."

But coming out the big winner with the $5,000 grant provided a sense of satisfaction for McDowall, Colin Davies and Alec Steirman, and even served as inspiration for them to continue their charitable endeavours.

"My whole group and I are going to continue volunteering at Eating Disorders of York Region. It kind of inspired us to volunteer more in our community and get more involved," she said.

Sunny Side

## News in brief

**COUNCIL** Toronto council has approved two plans that make it easier for pedestrians to get around and a bit tougher for cars. Council passed a "Walking Strategy" yesterday that, among other things, will ban right turns on red lights at 10 new intersections next year as a pilot project. It also approved a $1.9-million plan that will remake Roncesvalles Avenue between Queen Street West and Dundas Street West, removing a car lane in each direction to make way for a parking lay-by.

**HEALTH** CBC News says it has obtained documents indicating an Ontario health agency doled out nearly $5 million in contracts, apparently without attempting to offer the deals to outside bidders as required by law. CBC says eHealth Ontario CEO and president Sarah Kramer signed off on contracts valued at about $4.8 million during the first four months of the agency's operation.

**CLUB** Conrad Black is no longer a member of the Toronto Club, the elite business club legendary for its list of illustrious members and its zealous desire for privacy. A member who spoke to the Toronto Star on the condition of anonymity said Black's name simply disappeared from the club's membership directory.

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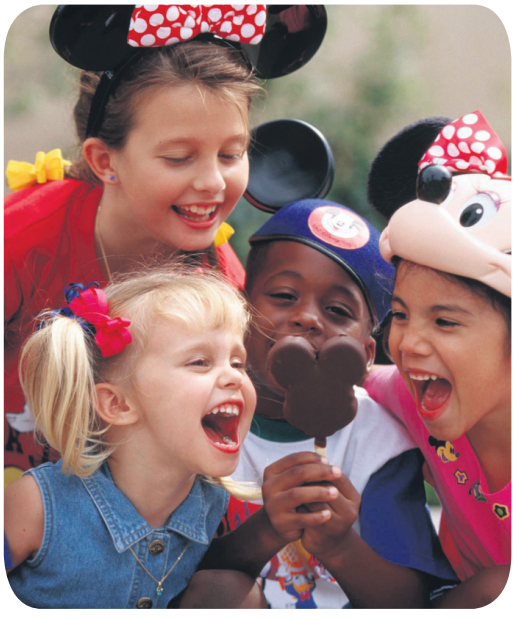

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**Canada to ink nuclear deal with India**

International Trade Minister Stockwell Day, left, says Canada is "very close" to inking a nuclear deal with India. Day says the pact will let Canada sell India nuclear technology and uranium for civilian use. THE CANDIAN PRESS

# Canada

## Guilty verdict in Michaud killing

**A jury has convicted a man of killing an aide to a Quebec cabinet minister. Francis Proulx has been found guilty of the first-degree murder of Nancy Michaud, left. At the time of her death, Michaud was an aide to Natural Resources Minister Claude Bechard. Besides being active in provincial politics, Michaud was an active community volunteer in Riviere-Ouelle, northeast of Quebec City, where she was killed on May 15, 2008.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

## 'White pride' testified to in custody case

**MANITOBA** The mother of a girl who went to school with white supremacist symbols drawn on her body didn't see why her daughter should have to sit next to Muslims, a social worker testified yesterday.

The social worker, who was testifying at a custody hearing, told court that the mother didn't see anything wrong with having "white pride" either. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Kids

- Manitoba Child and Family Services is trying to gain custody of the girl and her brother after it became clear the kids were being exposed to racist teachings in their home.

# Expect worse, say economists

## Flaherty takes heat for current projections, Grits call for his firing

**Canadians are in for further deficit shocks once the reality of slow economic growth and higher unemployment during the recession is acknowledged by the federal government, economists say.**

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's shocking announcement Tuesday that the federal deficit will be 50 per cent higher than predicted in January — to more than $50 billion — is only the start of the bad news for Canadians.

Although Flaherty said he is not revising his numbers beyond the current 2009-2010 fiscal year, economists said it is virtually impossible for Ottawa to meet its second year projection — for 2010-2011 — of a $30 billion deficit.

In his defence, Flaherty said the deficit is only about half as big relative to the economy as it was in the 1980s and 1990s, before the Liberal government of Jean Chrétien cut spending and raised revenues to balance the books and run surpluses.

Meanwhile the Liberals are calling on Prime Minister Stephen Harper to fire his "$50-billion man" over the massive jump in the country's deficit.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff accused the government yesterday of "incompetence on a historic scale."

He said Flaherty must be booted for financial mismanagement and failure to get economic stimulus funding flowing.

"His projections are out the window again, leaving Canadians with the largest deficit in history — and no economic stimulus to show for it," he said.

"How can the prime minister, or any Canadian, still have confidence in the minister of finance?" THE CANADIAN PRESS

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

## News in brief

**TERRORISM** A Federal Court judge is raising questions about whether Canada's spy agency has been withholding information and lying in its case against terrorist suspect Mohamed Harkat. In a brief judgment, Justice Simon Noel says it's a "troubling situation" that calls into question the good faith of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. Noel said the failure to deliver certain materials earlier makes him wonder about the security service's compliance with past court orders.

**TEEN ASSAULT** A Florida man has been charged with attempted sexual assault in northwestern Ontario. Police say the man posed as a grocery store security guard in Dryden, Ont., and lured a 16-year-old girl into his car on May 5. Kenneth Luedtke, 67, of Port Charlotte, Fla., has been charged with forcible confinement and attempted sexual assault. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**B.C. shooting likely gang related: RCMP**
RCMP say a shooting in a Burnaby, B.C., parking lot was targeted and likely gang related. Cpl. Alexandra Mulvihill said one man is listed in serious condition after being hit several times in an attack Tuesday night in the parking garage of a highrise. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Governor General to go on seal hunt

**NUNAVUT** Michaëlle Jean launched a passionate defence of Canada's seal hunt against international critics who have decried her participation in an Inuit skinning ritual. In fact, the Governor General's response could hardly be more defiant: Jean was invited by a group of Inuit to join them on a seal hunt last night. And she accepted. "This activity is part of the way of life of thousands of people in our country," Jean said. "It is part of their way of life. It is part of their economy. It is well-administrated. It is vital for them."

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## News in brief

**SEARCH** The search continued yesterday for the remains of Victoria Stafford and evidence in her abduction and murder as police looked for clues closer to her hometown of Woodstock. Terri-Lynne McClintic, 18, who is charged with abduction and being an accessory, and Michael Rafferty, 28, who is charged with first-degree murder and abduction, are due in court today. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# 'I thought I was safe here'

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

**Fernando Navarro gets teary-eyed when talking about his 10 children, and the soon-to-be born 11th whom he might never meet.**

The Surrey, B.C., roofer, who came to Canada 12 years ago from Honduras, has been ordered deported for what he says is a glitch from lost paperwork in Ottawa.

"I leave (for work) every day thinking of when the (deportation) day comes," said Navarro, 29. "I don't know if I'll see (my kids) again. I never expected this to happen to me. I thought I was safe here."

Navarro and his wife Rochelle are desperate to convince the Ministry of Immigration to overturn his June deportation, which will leave the stay-at-home mom without an income and a partner.

"If he goes back, my kids will be just devastated," said Rochelle, breaking down in tears. "All we want is for them to reopen the case."

Fernando says he was sent to Canada by a drug lord to work off his father's debts. After meeting Rochelle — who already had three children and custody of her cousin's son — he abandoned the drug lord. The couple applied to allow him to stay on humanitarian and compassionate grounds, saying he could be killed if sent back to Honduras.

The government required he fly to Ottawa to get a Honduran passport, but the Navarros say when they moved in December, their change of address letter was lost by the Immigration Ministry.

"They sent a letter to the old address saying we had until Jan. 25 (to get the passport), but we were unaware of this letter," Rochelle said, adding the ministry then closed the case. The couple contacted their MP, whose office forwarded a letter from the family to the government, pleading for a second chance.

David Aujla, an immigration lawyer in Vancouver, said it would be draconian of the government to deport Navarro.

"My suspicion is once Immigration has been made aware of (the fact that the family) is here and there are humanitarian issues, then they should reverse the decision."

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO CANADA

**Fernando Navarro, 29, second from right, and his wife Rochelle, middle, and nine of their 10 children. Navarro finds out on June 2 when — or if — he's being deported to Honduras. Rochelle is due to deliver their 11th child in September.**

# U.S. border passport rule effective Monday

The U.S. security czar tried to turn the page on an embarrassing gaffe yesterday by stressing a new era of border co-operation with Canada.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano expressed apparent frustration with the media during a visit to Ottawa when reminded of her recent suggestion that Sept. 11 hijackers entered the United States from Canada.

"It was not discussed. We know, and I know, that 9/11 terrorists did not cross the Canadian border. I regret that the Canadian media only seems to hear that, an earlier misstatement by me to that effect." The controversy over American perceptions of Canada continues to simmer as the U.S. implements tougher border measures.

New rules that take effect Monday will require Canadians to show a passport or other approved document before entering the U.S.

Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan and Napolitano, who plan to meet twice a year on security matters, also announced measures to ensure communication during major disasters as well as cross-border movement of emergency crews. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan, left, listens yesterday as U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano speaks in Ottawa.**

### No backlog

- Passport Canada has faced a deluge of applications, averaging nearly 21,000 a day. The sudden influx is largely a result of land-border crossing rules imposed by the U.S. government. Passport Canada officials say there is no backlog, and passports are being delivered to applicants within two weeks if they apply directly.

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**Calgarian dies on Mount Everest**
A mountain climber from Calgary has died on Mount Everest after making it to the summit without the use of oxygen. At least two climbing websites have confirmed the death May 21 of Frank Ziebarth, 29, who moved to the city two years ago from Germany. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canadian off to space station

**Canadian astronaut Bob Thirsk is on his way to a six-month stint aboard the International Space Station.**

A Russian Soyuz space capsule carrying Thirsk, Russian cosmonaut Roman Romanenko and Belgium's Frank De Winne soared into the hot afternoon skies over Kazakhstan's northern steppe yesterday.

The landmark mission which took off from Baikonur will both double the crew of the space station, and mark Canada's first long-duration mission in space.

The trio will join the three crew members already on board the space station, giving the station six permanent members for the first time.

Scores of reporters, dignitaries and relatives watched from a viewing stand about 1.5 kilometres away from the launchpad, applauding as the rocket roared into the sky.

Among them were Thirsk's three children, and his 81-year-old mother Eva.

"He's doing what he's wants to do," she said. "And he's so happy about it. And I'm so happy for him."

Footage broadcast by NASA TV from inside the Soyuz showed the three astronauts waving and giving the thumbs-up for the camera.

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## Long career

- At age 55, Bob Thirsk is one of Canada's longest-serving astronauts. He made his first 16-day space flight aboard the U.S. space shuttle Columbia in 1996.

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Canadian astronaut Bob Thirsk, crew member of the 20th mission to the International Space Station, gives the thumbs up prior to the launch at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, yesterday.

# Tundra could release a $CO_2$ 'time bomb'

**STUDY** Scientists say vast swaths of Arctic tundra could become massive sources of carbon dioxide despite increased plant growth spurred by warmer temperatures in the North.

"It's going to happen as a slow-motion time bomb," said Ted Schuur, an ecologist at the University of Florida, and the lead author of a paper that appeared yesterday in Nature.

Researchers have long known that permafrost contains huge amounts of frozen carbon trapped in organic material. It's believes the amount of carbon stored in permafrost around the world is almost double the amount currently in the atmosphere.

But scientists have been unsure of the fate of that carbon as global warming slowly melts the permafrost. Schuur's research suggests the plants would win — for a little while.

"At first, the first couple decades, these areas were net sinks of carbon," he said. "It seemed good.

"But then, over more decades, we found that plants were still growing faster but they couldn't offset even more old carbon coming out. Finally, that rate overwhelms anything that the plants can do."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

# MPP says O'Brien discussed job

**TRIAL** An Ontario Tory MPP says Larry O'Brien told her in late July 2006 that a rival right-wing Ottawa mayoral candidate was being offered a job with the National Parole Board.

Larry O'Brien

The alleged offer is at the heart of two influence-peddling charges against O'Brien, the Ottawa mayor who is standing trial at Ontario Superior Court.

Lisa MacLeod, a well-connected Conservative who previously worked for two prominent federal MPs, testified she met O'Brien on July 31, 2006, to discuss his looming municipal campaign.

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## News in brief

**CBC** Layoff notices were being issued at the CBC yesterday. According to the Canadian Media Guild, contracts for 100 employees will not be renewed and 158 permanent employees will be laid off.

**ETHICS** The Canadian Broadcast Standards Council says CTV was in the wrong when it broadcast a series of false starts from an interview with former Liberal leader Stéphane Dion.

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## Comment

# Bowlers roll right along

## Connections we form can produce tangible benefits

**Relating**

**Steve Collins**

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We spend a lot of time in this space parsing the pitfalls of life with your one and only, but what about everyone else? What about your relationships with family and friends, coworkers and neighbours, the vaguely familiar people you pass on the street?

Harvard researcher Robert D. Putnam, in Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community, argues the connections we form with others comprise "social capital," and produce tangible benefits.

Putnam's title comes from the disappearance of once-ubiquitous bowling leagues across America, which he sees as an indicator of a more general weakening of Americans' connections with friends, family and neighbours, and declining participation in churches, volunteer groups or political parties.

Signs of the increasing civic disengagement he chronicles south of the border can also be seen in Canada, where only 58.8 per cent of voters bothered showing up to the polls in last fall's election, our worst turnout since Confederation. We'd set the previous record for apathy, a 60.9 per cent turnout, in 2004.

All is not lost here, of course. Get your car stuck in the snow, and passing strangers are still likely to stop and push you out. That, too, is social capital.

**On the web**

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Sure, we're social animals, and relating feels good, but the uses of social capital aren't all warm and fuzzy richness-of-life stuff. As Putnam points out, heaps of research shows you're more likely to get a job on the basis of who you know rather than what you know. The more, and the more varied, connections you have, the easier it is to get ahead.

In terms of social capital, as Putnam measures it, the benefits of joining a club are equivalent to doubling your income. Getting married is the same as quadrupling it.

Your relationships with others could also be keeping you healthy. Putnam stacks up study after study showing the correlation between personal connection and health: "The bottom line from this multitude of studies: As a rough rule of thumb, if you belong to no groups but decide to join one, you cut your risk of dying in the next year in half. If you smoke and belong to no groups, it's a toss-up statistically whether you should stop smoking or start joining."

So, do you know your neighbours well enough to gossip about them? When your phone rings, are you pretty sure it's another telemarketer? When was the last time you saw a member of your family who doesn't live in the same city, or one who does, for that matter?

Are you a connected and interconnected social capitalist pig, or a lone bowler?

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

## Views

# The new attitude shift toward thriftiness

**LifeCycle**

**Denise Rudnicki**

Apparently I live on the cutting edge of a new trend. I don't have cable TV, air conditioning or even a dishwasher and that, says the Pew Research Center, means I am part of a "pervasive new creed of thrift" that is sweeping North America.

Pew surveyed American adults to determine what people consider a necessity and what they view as a luxury. The study was done after the markets crashed and people started losing their houses and jobs, so it isn't so surprising there's an attitude shift. When you watch your retirement savings evaporate and cannot make your mortgage payment, that spiffy new home entertainment system does start to look like a luxury you can live without.

Choosing between necessity and luxury is easy when you decide to live on a boat. Our move to a boat in Victoria's inner harbour was a lifestyle choice, motivated by upheaval on the job front and a longing for a simpler life. In three weeks, I divested myself of 30 years of possessions and became a convert to extreme thrift. And now it seems I am a bellwether for the entire continent.

The Pew study also found that people are changing their spending habits. More people are shopping in discount stores, cutting back on alcohol and cigarettes, reducing spending on TV and cellphones, or cancelling them altogether, doing their own home repairs, and planting vegetable gardens. I read the report, mentally checking off each one of these new habits.

We do not have cable, although we do have high-speed Internet. We have a small flat-screen TV we use for watching rented movies. There isn't room for major appliances. We rented a plot in a public garden to grow vegetables and have boxes on the dock for the herbs we like. We have library cards and use them. We do not buy anything that we do not absolutely need, which means we have not bought anything in the last six months. The prime minister would say we are not doing our bit for the economy with our non-spending ways, but this is how we want to live.

Even simple lives with free entertainment provided by harbour seals and beach walks are not worry-free. We worry about money, health, bad storms, engine trouble and weird boat noises, but we do not argue about whether we should buy a 42- or 62-inch TV or stay up nights worrying about our mortgage.

Watch us. We are the trend-setters.

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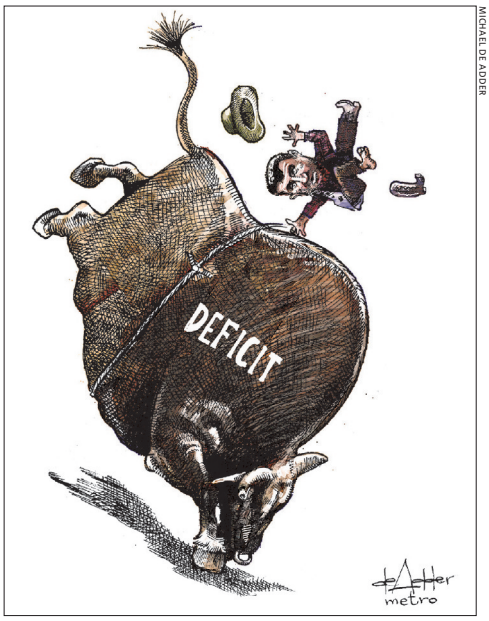


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## Letters

**Province has obligation to help GM pensioners**

It's reassuring to read of Dalton McGuinty's apparent change of heart when it comes to GM pensioners. The premier's earlier position was to provide no support for GM retirees, stakeholders who have virtually no voice in the ongoing discussions surrounding an aid package for the company.

The Liberals have maintained the long-standing policy of allowing GM to underfund the pension plan since the 1992 changes to the Pension Benefits Act, which included the so-called "Too Big to Fail" provision. While the McGuinty government did not introduce this regulation, it did nothing to reverse it and allowed the underfunding to continue, leading to the now massive pension deficit.

The Ontario government has a moral obligation to assist GM pensioners who must bear the brunt of an ill-conceived policy the Liberals were content to let ride during boom times.

CHRISTINE DOBBY, TORONTO

**Design of new public recycling bins questioned**

*Re: New public recycling bins at intersections and bus stops*

The new bins (below) are garbage. The newest styles are not accessible or operable by many. Items cannot be placed within the bins as the doors will not open unless a foot bar is depressed.

People in scooters and wheelchairs, as well as those reliant on walkers or another mobility device, do not have the use of their legs for this purpose. Those people, along with others, do not have the required strength or manual dexterity to forcefully pull the chutes down by hand.

Who authorized this style/design? How could this have been approved, even on a test basis, without consideration for the disabled, physically challenged and other people with limited mobility?

GEORGE PAPPAS, AGINCOURT

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**Carbon pollution to grow almost 40 per cent, report says**
The amount of heat-trapping carbon dioxide seeping into the atmosphere will increase by nearly 40 per cent worldwide by 2030, a government report said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World

## North warns of war

### Reacts to Seoul joining ship intercept program

**North Korea threatened military action yesterday against U.S. and South Korean warships plying the waters near the Koreas' disputed maritime border, raising the spectre of a naval clash just days after the regime's nuclear test.**

Pyongyang, reacting angrily to Seoul's decision to join an international program to intercept ships suspected of aiding nuclear proliferation, called the move tantamount to a declaration of war.

South Korea's military said it was prepared to "respond sternly" to any North Korean provocation.

North Korea's latest belligerence comes as the United Nations Security Council debates how to punish the regime for testing a nuclear bomb.

Ambassadors from the five permanent veto-wielding council members — the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France — as well as Japan and South Korea were working out details of a new resolution. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Plutonium**

- North Korea is believed to have enough plutonium for half a dozen atomic bombs.
- It also has about 8,000 spent fuel rods which, if reprocessed, could yield six to eight kilograms of plutonium — enough to make one nuclear bomb, experts said.

## Shell shock **Czech leader egged**

RENE VOLFIK/CTK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chairman of the Czech Republic's Social Democrats Jiri Paroubek reacts yesterday after being pelted with eggs at a rally for the European Parliament elections in Prague. More than 40,000 people joined the "Eggs for Paroubek in every town" campaign on Facebook, and have disrupted a number of Social Democratic rallies across the country with egg throwing.

## Brits outraged Queen not invited to D-Day ceremonies

**FRANCE** Indignant British veterans and outraged commentators complained yesterday over the omission of the Queen from the guest list for next week's ceremonies to mark the 65th anniversary of the D-Day landings in France.

The Queen

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown will be there, as will U.S. President Barack Obama. But neither the Queen nor any member of the Royal Family was invited to attend the ceremony at the American Cemetery.

French officials insist the monarch was welcome and blamed the British government for mistakes in the handling of what they called a "Franco-American" ceremony. "It is not up to France to determine the British representation," a government spokesperson said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## SunnySide

## Panda birth catches zoo by surprise

**THAILAND** A healthy panda cub was born yesterday at a zoo in northern Thailand. Staff artificially inseminated Lin Hui, a seven-year-old female, on Feb. 18, but had seen no signs she was pregnant, Chiang Mai Zoo's director Thanapat Pongamorn said.

Zoo officials said they could not examine the newborn cub closely enough to determine its gender because it would get scared and was too vulnerable to disease, but they would check when it was a week old.

The United States, Japan and Thailand are the only countries outside China to have bred pandas through artificial insemination, Thananpat said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## News in brief

**YOUNG DRIVER** Police in New Mexico say a seven-year-old girl drove the family's damaged vehicle about five kilometres to get help after her father was thrown out of the vehicle and died Saturday night when it rolled off a highway.

**MOB ARRESTS** Italian police have arrested 61 purported members of the Naples-based Camorra mob — the Neapolitan version of the Sicilian Mafia — for allegedly running drug and extortion rings in the southern city. The suspects include nine women and several bosses of the Sarno clan, a top local crime family. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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*Monique, Quebec City*

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**Teen in custody after U.S. airport incident**
Denver police say a 12-year-old is in custody after allegedly trying to take an incendiary device through airport security. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Afghan people 'victims'

**The hit-and-run nature of the bloody insurgency that has wreaked so much havoc in Afghanistan is a clear sign the resurgent Taliban aren't interested in winning the support of local Afghans, Canada's ambassador to Kabul said yesterday.**

While the insurgents are determined in their fight, Ron Hoffmann said their main weapons remain suicide bombers and scattered improvised explosive devices, which they often use to devastating effect.

"This is an approach which certainly demonstrates that insurgents have given up on any suggestion that they're going to win the hearts and minds of Afghans," Hoffmann said by telephone from Kabul.

"The principal victims are the Afghan people."

Hoffmann said the international community had underestimated how hard it would be to crush the insurgency and help Afghanistan get on its feet after decades of war destroyed the country's infrastructure and intellectual capacity.

With popular support both in Canada and the U.S. wavering for the costly multinational mission, Hoffmann said it was critical now to show real progress.

"There is a sense of urgency in Afghanistan. There is a sense of urgency by the Afghans themselves. They are to some extent disappointed over the lack of progress," he said.

The ambassador refused to speculate on the shape of Canadian involvement after 2011, when Ottawa has pledged to withdraw the country's 2,800 soldiers, saying no decisions had been made.

What is certain, he said, is Canadians will remain in Afghanistan after the troops leave. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Feral child in custody

**NEGLECTED** A five-year-old Russian girl has been placed in state custody after being found alone in an apartment filled with cats and dogs and imitating the animals' behaviour.

Police in the Transbaikal region of Siberia said yesterday the girl was kept shut up with the animals in a filthy apartment in the regional capital of Chita, where she lived with relatives, including her father and grandparents.

Larisa Popova, head of the children's affairs unit at the local police precinct, told state-run Rossiya television that the girl had developed feral characteristics.

"The child lived in unsanitary conditions. There was a horrible stench," Popova said. "There were many animals — both dogs and cats. In all probability, the girl lived with and was raised by these animals."

Police said the girl understands Russian but rarely speaks and they are gathering evidence to support neglect charges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Dog-O-Matic **Polished pooch**

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According to the website Likecool.com, the Dog-O-Matic is like a car wash, only for your pooch. It takes about half an hour to clean a dog. The Dog-O-Matic was invented by Romain Jarry, who says he has had such success in his home town of St-Max, France that he plans to introduce it in the U.K. next year.

## News in brief

**BOMB** Suspected suicide attackers detonated an explosives-filled van in Lahore yesterday that destroyed a police building and sheared walls off a nearby office of Pakistan's top intelligence service. About 30 people were killed and at least 250 wounded. Interior Minister Rehman Malik said the attack — one of the deadliest in Pakistan this year — could be retaliation for the government's military offensive to rout Taliban militants from the northwestern Swat Valley. Recent assaults in Lahore have heightened fears that militancy is spreading beyond the northwest region bordering Afghanistan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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A Sri Lankan protester sets fire to a Tamil Tiger flag fixed to the parapet wall of the Canadian Embassy yesterday.

# Canada accused of aiding Tigers

**Hundreds of Sri Lankans protested outside the Canadian High Commission in Colombo yesterday, accusing Ottawa of supporting Tamil Tiger rebels.**

They pelted the mission with stones, sprayed graffiti on the wall and painted over a security camera.

Sri Lankans have reacted angrily to perceived international support for the rebels, especially from countries that pushed the government for a ceasefire in the final days of the war to rescue tens of thousands of civilians caught in the crossfire.

The protest came a week after Sri Lanka declared victory in its quarter-century war with the Tigers.

The demonstrators said they were protesting against what they called Canada's support for the insurgents and its alleged failure to protect Sri Lankans and their property from pro-rebel groups in Canada.

However, many Tamil Canadians say the federal government has ignored their plight.

They have protested across Canada recently, calling for government intervention in the war, which ended with the killing of the Tiger leader, Velupillai Prabhakaran.

Canada, along with several other countries, lists the group as a terrorist organization.

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## News in brief

**RED CROSS** The Red Cross has been barred from visiting some camps in Sri Lanka to check on people held by the government since the country's military defeated the Tamil Tiger rebels, the agency's president said yesterday. Jakob Kellenberger said he has asked the Sri Lankan government for access to all displacement camps to check on conditions for hundreds of thousands of civilians uprooted in recent months of fighting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Virginia Mines to sell 52 Quebec claims**
Virginia Mines says it has a deal with Agnico Eagle Mines to sell its interest in 52 mining claims in Quebec. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# GM bankruptcy likely as bondholders spurn offer

**General Motors bondholders felt they deserved a 58 per cent stake in the company in exchange for their billions of dollars in debt. What they were offered wasn't even close.**

The rejection virtually ensures GM will file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection within days.

The U.S. government, which has extended nearly $20 billion US in loans to GM, ordered the company to come up with a plan that 90 per cent of its bondholders would agree to. But the government allowed it to offer only 10 per cent of the company's stock. GM was forced to withdraw the offer yesterday after it fell far short.

Observers have said it is likely that should GM file for bankruptcy protection in the U.S., it will not file in Canada, similar to rival Chrysler. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Shutdown

- GM has said its assembly plants in Ontario won't be affected by a nine-week rotating shutdown in the U.S. However, it's likely its parts plants in St. Catharines and Windsor will be forced to close temporarily due to a lack of demand for products.

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Frank Stronach, chairman of Canadian auto parts maker Magna International and an Opel suitor, attended talks in Berlin aimed at putting GM's Europe-based Opel unit on the road to safety.

## GM Europe pools assets of Opel-Vauxhall as sale looms

**ASSETS** General Motors moved yesterday to package together the assets of its European Opel and Vauxhall car brands for possible new ownership before top-level meetings with bidders and government officials in Berlin.

Opel's supervisory board approved a GM Europe plan to pool its European plants, sales operations, patents and other assets, excluding Sweden's Saab unit, debt-free under German-based Adam Opel, said Karin Kirchner, a spokeswoman for GM Europe.

"This way it can join a partnership with a potential investor," Kirchner said. "You have one company that would be invested in or would sell a stake."

Italy's Fiat, Canadian auto parts maker Magna International and U.S. investment firm Ripplewood Holdings have all filed bids for Opel.

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## Sun Life, CI raise fees, cut deposits

**FUNDS** Sun Life Financial and CI Investments are raising fees and limiting deposits in their lineup of segregated funds.

Effective July 31, or later under some segregated fund contracts, Sun Life and CI will increase the insurance fees and limit certain premium deposits.

Price increases will range up to 0.3 per cent.

New deposits will no longer be accepted in some segregated fund products, including the SunWise Elite Full Guarantee Option, which promises to return no less than 100 per cent of an investor's principal on maturity or death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## In brief

**SOLAR** Timminco Ltd. has lost a contract to supply solar-cell-grade silicon and is refunding the customer's deposit with 3.6 million Timminco shares. The share issue, about three per cent of Timminco's outstanding equity, is full settlement of a $5.6-million deposit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Roy says no to Colorado**

Patrick Roy has turned down an offer to become the head coach of the Colorado Avalanche, opting to stay with the Quebec Remparts of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, where he is also the club's general manager. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Sports

## Gagne goes home

**Pitcher Eric Gagne, left, is going back to Quebec. The 2003 National League Cy Young Award winner has accepted a deal with the Quebec Capitales of the independent Can-Am League. Gagne, who converted 84 saves in a row from 2002-04 with the Los Angeles Dodgers, will work as a starter for the Capitales.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Extra innings collapse sinks Jays

**MLB RESULTS**

**Jays** 10 **Orioles** 12 (11 ings)

**BASEBALL** Nolan Reimold's three-run homer in the bottom of the 11th inning capped a second surprising comeback as the Baltimore Orioles defeated Toronto 12-10 yesterday to extend the Blue Jays' losing streak to nine games.

Baltimore trailed 8-3 when Roy Halladay left after seven innings, and 10-8 after Aaron Hill hit a two-run homer off Danys Baez in the top of the 11th.

But after Luke Scott hit an RBI single off Brian Wolfe (1-1) that put runners at the corners with one out, Reimold hit his fourth homer in 13 games since being recalled from triple-A Norfolk.

Baez (4-1) pitched three innings for the Orioles, who got a home run from Scott and a career-high four hits from Robert Andino in completing a three-game sweep.

After Halladay allowed eight hits and left with a five-run lead, the Blue Jays bullpen ruined his chance to become the first nine-game winner in the majors.

Baltimore began the eighth by loading the bases with none out against Jesse Carlson. After Reimold struck out, Chad Moeller was hit by a pitch to force in a run. Andino followed with an RBI single, and Brian Roberts greeted Scott Downs with a sacrifice fly. Adam Jones followed with a run-scoring single, and Nick Markakis tied it with an RBI double.

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### Brand new low

- Toronto finished the worst road swing in franchise history — three losses in Boston, Atlanta and Baltimore. The Blue Jays never before went winless on a road trip of at least nine games.

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Detroit goalie Chris Osgood makes a save against the Chicago Blackhawks last night during Game 5 of the Western Conference final at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Michigan.

# Wings dump Hawks

## Detroit, Pittsburgh to meet again in Cup final

**Stanley Cup 2009 Playoffs**

**(Detroit wins series 4-1)**

**Chicago** 1 **Detroit** 2 (OT)

**Darren Helm scored 3:58 into overtime to give the Detroit Red Wings a 2-1 win over the Chicago Blackhawks last night in the Western Conference finals and set up a Stanley Cup final rematch with Pittsburgh.**

Detroit's Dan Cleary opened the scoring 6:08 into the third period, and Chicago's Patrick Kane tied it with 7:07 left in regulation with his first goal of the series.

Cristobal Huet, playing goal in place of the injured Nikolai Khabibulin, made 44 saves for the Blackhawks. He forced overtime with a spectacular stop from his stomach, lifting his right leg to knock away Johan Franzen's shot in the closing seconds.

Detroit's Chris Osgood stopped 30 shots.

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## Sports in brief

**STEROIDS** Authorities say they've arrested a central Florida man who claims he sold anabolic steroids to pro athletes, including players with the Washington Nationals and Washington Capitals. Polk County detectives say Richard Thomas told them, "You name the sport, and I've sold steroids to athletes who play it."

**TENNIS** Top-ranked Dinara Safina and defending champion Ana Ivanovic cruised into the third round of the French Open yesterday. Safina defeated Vitalia Diatchenko 6-1, 6-1, and Ivanovic stopped Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand 6-1, 6-2.

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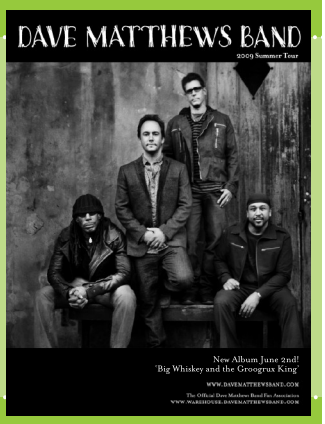


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# Barca outclasses United

## Messi leads Spanish side to victory in Champions League final

**Samuel Eto'o and Lionel Messi scored as Barcelona beat Manchester United 2-0 to win the Champions League final yesterday.**

Eto'o put the Spanish champions ahead in the 10th minute at the Stadio Olimpico. The three-time African player of the year from Cameroon took a pass from Andres Iniesta, cut around defender Nemanja Vidic and beat Edwin van der Sar. The goalkeeper got a touch on the right-footed shot, but couldn't keep it from going in at the near post.

Messi, a 21-year-old star of Argentina's national team, easily won the glamour duel with reigning FIFA player of the year Cristiano Ronaldo. Messi scored on a header from about six metres in the 70th minute off a cross from Xavi Hernandez, his ninth goal of the tournament and his first in 11 games against English opponents.

Messi, who had 38 of Barcelona's 153 goals this season, set off colourful celebrations at one end of the stadium, filled with 62,467 fans, and left English fans in silence as Manchester United's European unbeaten streak ended at 25 games.

In its first season under coach Pep Guardiola, a former Barcelona star who began as a ball boy at Camp Nou, the Catalan power won Europe's top club competition for the third time, following victories in 1992 and 2006. It also swept Spain's La Liga and Copa del Rey.

"I've been waiting for so long to get this title," said Barcelona forward Thierry Henry, who played for the Arsenal team that lost to Barcelona in the 2006 final. "The last five minutes were the longest of my life."

Manchester United, which won the Premier League, English League Cup and Club World Cup, was trying to become the first team to win consecutive European titles since AC Milan in 1989-90. The Red Devils also won the tournament in 1968 and 1999.

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Barcelona's Carles Puyol lifts the trophy yesterday as he and his teammates celebrate winning the UEFA Champions League final 2-0 at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome, Italy.

### Fan violence

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One realtor is embracing new technology like Facebook and Twitter and he thinks many more should. See the story on page 26.

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Designer Timothy Mather's tips and tricks for your reno.

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Chandeliers, stalwarts of the South, are in vogue.

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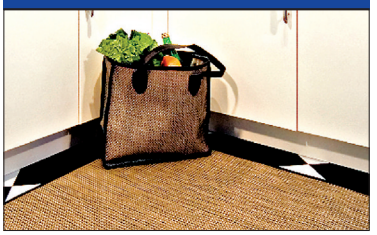

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# Successful reno secrets

**Following an auspicious start with Canadian design giants Budd Sugarman and Brian Gluckstein, interior designer Timothy Mather has carved out a well-deserved niche as one of the nation's top tastemakers. The Toronto-based principal of TM Design is one of about 75 designers included in the 13th edition of the prestigious Andrew Martin Interior Design Review (Andrew Martin International, 2009), and his work is also featured on the cover of Spectacular Homes of Toronto (Panache, 2008). Renowned for his transitional aesthetic tempered with warm, nostalgic nods to tradition, Mather dishes on design and the tips and tricks he'spicked up on the path to preeminence.**

**Q What's the secret to pulling off a successful reno?**

**A** Creating a fictitious time line as a reference point helps blur the distinction about when a project was finished. For example, if a house is a 1920s Georgian, there should be some stylistic references to that era inside — even if you're doing something more contemporary. That will make the house feel consistent and give it longevity. A lot of my renovations are successful because people don't realize that a period home has been entirely rebuilt. Plus, there's nothing worse than a McMansion that combines a bit of Georgian, French and English, all layered on top of one another. There's no consistency, and the house just looks like a bad movie set.

**Q But you don't want it to come across as matchy-matchy either.**

**A** Not at all, nor do you want something that looks like a museum. It's about creating integrity through consistency, which can be as simple as using the same colour of hardwood flooring throughout. I try to limit the number of materials; the greatest danger is getting caught up in the options.

**Q With all those options available, how do you determine the direction you're going to take with a new project?**

**A** When someone hires me, I like to come in fresh, without preconceived ideas. I'm influenced by the architecture of the space, the people, and their possessions. I like to pull from my clients and exaggerate that character. A good designer will create a background that showcases clients in a flattering way, gives them a sense of comfort, and is welcoming for guests.

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One of Timothy Mather's big influences was interior designer Budd Sugarman, "Budd's look was along the lines of what I was comfortable with and reflective of my surroundings growing up: A lot of Englishness, a lot of colour, and a lot of chintz."

**Q Is there a way of accomplishing those things without breaking the bank?**

**A** Buy the best quality you can afford and amortize the cost over a number of years. Consider an Hermès belt. Sure, the initial cost is a lot, but it's an investment: you can wear it every single day, and even with a pair of $50 pants from the Gap, you can still get into the best restaurants. That's another point: mix the high with the low. Great design is still great design, regardless of price point. It goes back to the English country idea of mixing grand with humble.

**Q Has your philosophy or approach to design changed over time?**

**A** A designer, who once complained to me that his clients were all dying off, wanted to know how I maintained a strong base. I explained that it's because I'm changing with my clients. At Gluckstein Design Planning, Brian was always on my case, saying, "Tim, you're a vibrant, stylish guy and you dress really well — you should decorate a little younger." I'm working on that; I'm always trying to evolve and create my own style. Once they're ready for a renovation, most clients want something younger, more relevant and current. Adapting is key to surviving in this business.

**See more of Timothy Mather's work in the new book Spectacular Homes of Toronto ($39, Panache, 2008) — a showcase of the city's finest designers**

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# A lighting option from the South

## Chandeliers a sign of style from the Bayou travelling well to the north

**Duke Morgan and Keith Malvitz were strolling through French Quarter antique shops when Morgan spotted the perfect lighting fixture for his big new bathroom.**

It was an oval, Baccarat 1945 chandelier dripping with more than 30 crystals; it could have been inspired by a headdress. Malvitz thought Morgan had lost his mind.

"I just didn't like it," he said. "But once it was put up, it's a gorgeous piece."

Morgan immediately knew it was right. "It's not too grand that it looks ostentatious," he said. "I wanted the mood of a luxurious bathroom."

Chandeliers in Southern bathrooms are not uncommon. Architect John Williams of New Orleans explains: "Think about it. What does the South have that colder climates don't? High ceilings."

Before air conditioning, many homes in hot regions were designed for climate control with high ceilings and big windows to help circulate air.

Now, it seems, chandelier lighting is finding its way into more homes in other regions, too.

"It's a way of adding a lot of interest in a small space," said Kevin Sharkley, a lighting design expert for Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. "They come in all different sizes. East Coast architecture is suited to chandelier lighting, and there's a demand for it in California."

Not only are chandeliers becoming more varied in style, he said, but they're appearing in more rooms in the house. In colder climates, he said, they're being used more in kitchens, and in pairs over fireplaces.

Julie Neill began doing her own lighting when she started a design business in New Orleans in 2000. She said lighting is vital to setting the mood of a room, and the only things she could find in stores were mass-produced fixtures with little flair, or antiques.

She designs each piece for specific clients, and gives them names such as "Lucy" and "Ethel." Some look more like birdcages than "Phantom of the Opera" props. The "Monique" has the quintessential crystal design, but is made of wood — even the droplets.

Neill agrees that chandeliers in bathrooms work — even outside New Orleans.

"Bathrooms are becoming so luxurious," she said. "It's your escape."

Martha Stewart's new line has models that resemble lanterns. Chandeliers are no longer seen as accouterments for the rich, Sharkley said.

"Some people have the notion that it's a bit ostentatious," he said. "But there's polished brass and polished nickel. You don't have to have big Waterford follies all over."

Lowe's hardware stores say do-it-yourself installation can be done with an intermediate skill level; people who can install a ceiling fan or build a birdhouse can probably put up a chandelier in a day or so, the chain says. The website for "This Old House" rates the difficulty level of installation at easy to moderate.

"You don't want it too high — it doesn't look elegant," he said. "You don't want it too low, so it interferes." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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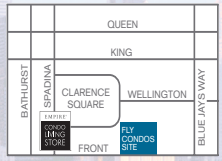


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In a market that has been described as uncertain, attendees at FLY's incredible Grand Opening event demonstrated confidence that well-priced suites in an exceptional location are still in high demand. Waving cheque books and waiting in-line, savvy purchasers wanted to be first to select true value suites at FLY – and with prices from just $159,900 – they weren't disappointed.

This stunning condominium community, located at 352 Front Street West between Blue Jays Way and Spadina, across from the Rogers Centre and the CN Tower, was recently re-tooled to fit the changing market. The developer, Empire Communities, studied the market carefully and concluded that right-priced, smaller suites would attract first-time buyers and investors. And so they designed 12 new floor plans – from studios to one-bedroom and one-bedroom with den layouts. The incredible prices of these suites, together with all-time low interest rates, combine to make owning a condominium at FLY a very attractive possibility. In fact one can own a condo at FLY for much less than renting!

According to Empire Executive Vice President Paul Golini Jr., "In keeping with the results of our customer research, FLY's re-designed smaller floor plans are affordable and right for today's market. We're pleased to offer a wide spectrum of suites, from studios to three-bedrooms. FLY's stunning exterior and interior features and finishes, plus exceptional building amenities remain a huge selling point."

The first three eager purchasers to buy at FLY's Grand Opening.

# Wide Array Of Suites Still Available

It's a buyer's market out there . . . and this is absolutely the best time to buy a condominium at FLY. Interest rates have never been lower, prices are great with downtown condos from just $210,900. An excellent selection of suites remains from one-bedroom to three-bedroom layouts up to 1,112 sq. ft. If you are a first-time buyer, the banks have modified their "affordability index", making it even easier than ever to buy your first home. But don't wait – the suites and the opportunities won't last forever!

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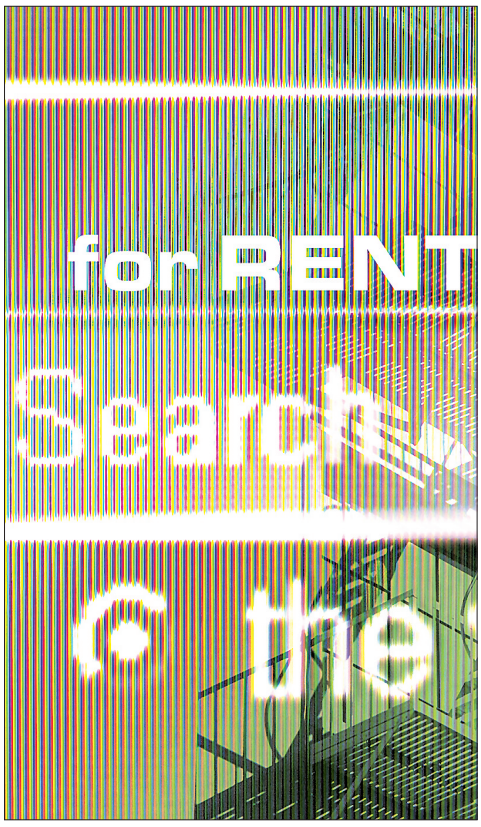


Typical real estate websites are often sparse, says one realtor whose blog garners him more inquiries than he can count.

# Is social media the future for realtors?

## Technology is there, but few in the real-estate game are taking advantage of the possibilities of the web

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

**If you type a realtor's name into any search engine, chances are the top hit will look pretty similar to that of any other realtor: A photograph and name with a contact form and property listings.**

It's a far cry from the limited information provided in the newspaper ads that once dominated real estate advertising. But while it may seem realtors are advancing in the online world, David Fleming says think again.

"A typical real estate website is static. It's one sided. It's never updated and it's just a template," says the 28-year-old Toronto realtor for Bosley Real Estate. "You've got to let people know who you are, what you do and why. The template websites just don't do that. It's just a stock photo with a name."

And Fleming should know. He had a template site himself, which he says elicited one phone call in two-and-a-half years. Instead, if you type his name into a search engine, you'll stumble upon his 10,000-hit-a-month website, TorontoRealty-Blog.com. The blog is his alternative method to connect to buyers and sellers and to publish his own opinions on everything from politics to elevator etiquette — all with a connection (however strong) to real estate.

**"I get a lot more buyers from (my) blog than any real estate agent gets from working open houses and going to nightclubs handing out business cards."** Realtor David Fleming

"My blog is a forum where people can anonymously investigate who I am," he says. "I get a lot more buyers from that blog than any real estate agent gets from working open houses and going to nightclubs handing out business cards."

Such traditional means have gone by the wayside, just like newspaper advertising, says Fleming. That's why he's shifted primarily to social media, also using Facebook, Craigslist, Kijiji and Twitter to reach potential clientele.

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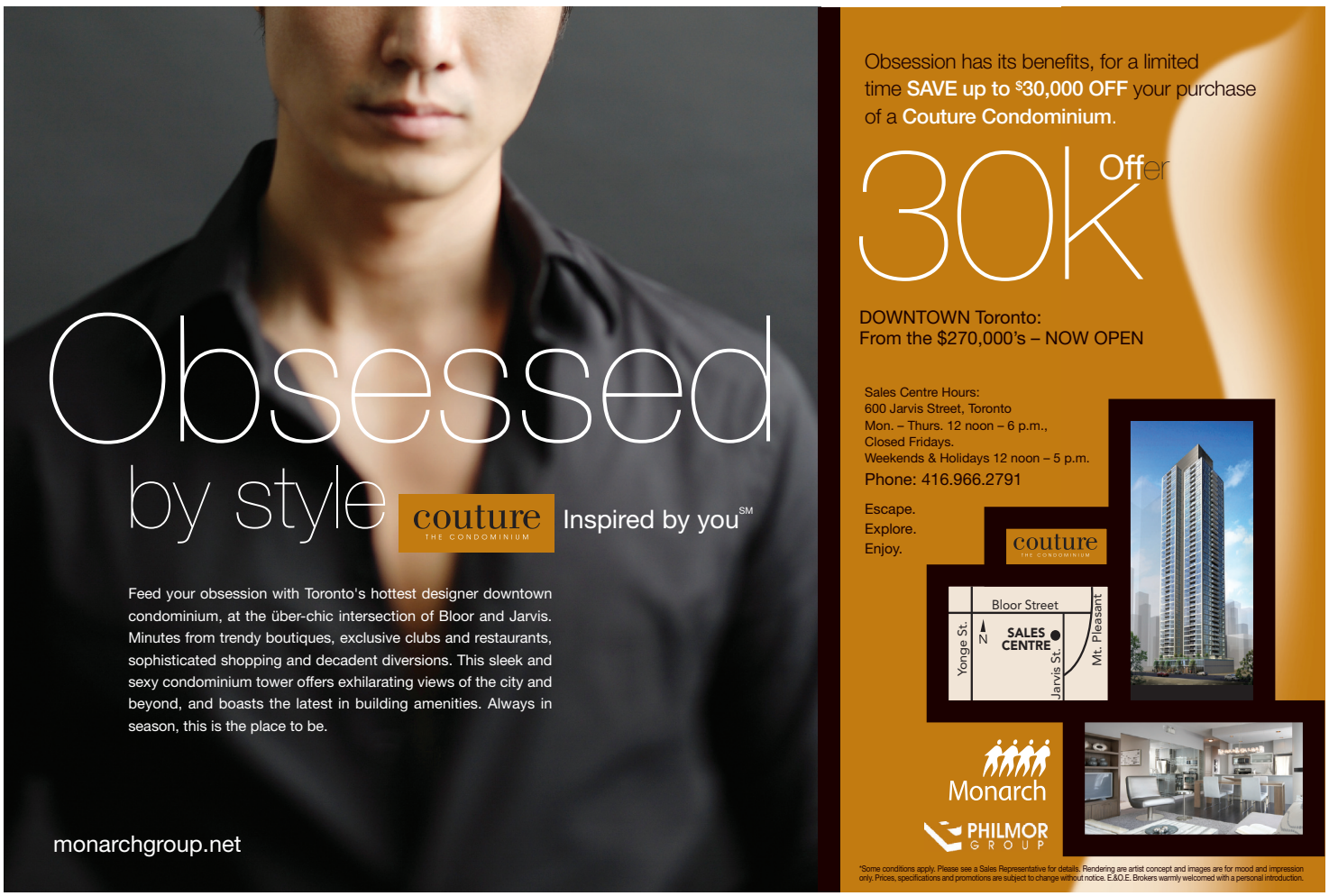

# From Facebook to Twitter, all mediums are worthy

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Fleming's online motivation stems from his target demographic — 25- to 45-year-olds — that he says is the cross-section of people using the Internet as a first resource for buying and selling property.

"Social networking is where all of the young people are," he says. "I'll list something on Craigslist, I'll list something on Kijiji … I was on eBay in 1997 when the site first started.

"Whether it's Facebook, whether it's Twitter — any medium you can use to get your listing out there to work for your seller or to attract buyers — you've got to stay ahead of the curve."

And even though Fleming may not comprehend the appeal of a platform, like Twitter, he says he uses anything he can, if it's going to benefit his clients.

"I don't really know what it is or why it is, but I'll use it whether I'm trying to attract buyers or trying to find buyers for my sellers for the properties I have listed. If it's just a one-sentence new listing in Cabbagetown, you never know who's following you on Twitter who might be interested in that."

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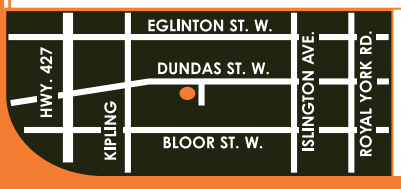


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# A long, hard search for a good mat

HomeScape

Do you wince when you see grimy kitchen mats? And if you decide to get a newer model for your home (or a friend's home), do you wince again when you survey the uninspiring assortment of mats at the local house wares store?

I don't know about you, but the images of ducks done up with blue ribbon are just a little cutesy for me.

What to do? Many of the kitchen mats currently available lack a certain style quotient, to put it mildly, but they may save your back and prevent your legs from aching as you do your kitchen chores, especially on hard tile floors.

Moreover, these mats will soak up water drips and hold scraps of peelings or crumbs that fall to the floor. This way you can shake out the mat rather than walking through the wet mess and spreading it all over the kitchen.

They're a fantastic idea, but do they have to be so ugly?

Well, after looking around a little more thoroughly, I found many more ugly ones, but — surprise — a few very attractive ones.

One product I noticed was a natural-looking woven vinyl mat, complete with elegant woven edges. There are a few different manufacturers, but one of the most price worthy rugs I saw are from a Toronto-based company called The Tate Group, formerly MacFABhome. They can be bought at selected retail locations across Canada — info@macfabhome.com or info@thetategroup.com to inquire about retail locations.

These rugs range in price from $24 to $300 depending on the size of the mat, and are backed by cushy rubber backings. There are six standard rectangular sizes, which run from the smallest (doormat) at 20" x 28", to the largest (large area rug), at 54" x 96". Also included in the selection is a hall runner, which measures 28" x 84".

The natural woven look of these mats come in several different textures, including a coarser weave, a tighter weave, and several different patterned weaves. And they come in a variety of muted colours, including reed, terracotta, black walnut, twig, sand, midnight and praline. Check TheTate Group.com to take a look at the colours, or better yet visit a retail location to check the look and feel more closely.

I noticed other similar synthetic products, such as the Chilewich mats from a New York-based company. They're equally lovely with more of a selection in terms of colour and pattern, and the mats can be customized to fit a specific space. However, be prepared for a higher price tag; they range from $360 for a 3' x 5' mat, and up to $600 for a 5' x 10' mat. Bindings around the outside are extra.

They're carried at retailers like Elte in Toronto. Check chilewich.com for more information about other retailers across Canada.

Of course, natural mats of grass and straw can be lovely as well, and they might do just about anywhere else. But not in a kitchen. Cleaning is a necessity here, and natural grass or straw just doesn't stand up to the abuse. Vinyl rugs are water and stain resistant, and can be used both indoors and outdoors since they are resilient to mould and mildew. They can be wet mopped and vacuumed, and tough stains can be treated with mild detergent and a little elbow grease.

Just don't put them on a heated floor, or you may have a goopy mess on your hands.

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**After looking around a little, our columnist was able to find many ugly kitchen mats, but — surprise — a few very attractive ones came out of the woodwork too.**

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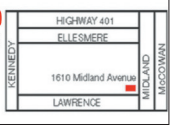


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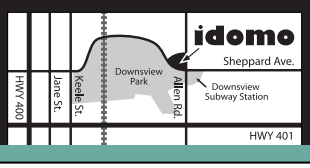


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A The basis for this shift in due diligence by the banks is the increase in mortgage fraud and the pursuant identification requirements that any recent purchasers have experienced when signing documents for the purchase (or sale) of their home. The law societies across the country have addressed the issue of mortgage and transfer fraud and place the onus on the lawyer for you to prove who you are before they advance funds.

By using a Power of Attorney you are signing on behalf of the person who rightfully owns the property to complete whatever transaction is planned for; whether that be a sale or a re-finance. The problem blooms when there is an improper or forged Power of Attorney being used by the individual who comes in to sign.

The best way to avoid this type of fraud is for the original person who is giving their power of attorney to sign the stated Power of Attorney at the same lawyer's office and provide photo identification along with signatures and independent witnesses. Then, when it comes to time to purchase, sell or re-finance a property, the lawyer can attest to the fact that the Power of Attorney is properly in effect and not fraudulent.

Still, some financial institutions are very reluctant to have any of their borrowers use any Powers of Attorney during the purchase process. Some are "gun shy" having being burnt in the past. Most are just reacting to the tightening of the credit market.

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# Style

## Wintour's signature 'armour'

**What's behind those shades, Anna? Vogue editor Anna Wintour is rarely seen without dark glasses at fashion shows. In an interview with CBS' 60 Minutes, which aired Sunday, the elusive magazine legend explains that her signature shades act as "armour." If she's enjoying a runway show – or bored out of her mind – nobody will notice. Indeed, a hush might fall over the crowd if Wintour showed emotion.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# The neon conundrum

## How to wear Day-Glo brights without the risk of burning someone's retinas

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

**It's the ghost of Wham! videos past. Or at least that's how some might view the comeback of neon colors.**

If the fall '09 runways were any indication, the trend is on the cusp of its tipping point after flirting with popularity for the past two years.

Call it a by-product of fashion's current crush on all things '80s. Whether or not that is a good or bad thing depends on whom you ask (and which designer's work you're looking at.) Technically, we can thank Stephen Sprouse and Marc Jacobs for the return of fluorescent colors.

Jacobs produced a hugely popular retrospective of the late American designer's iconic Day-Glo bright graffiti prints for Louis Vuitton before using similar colors in his own signature women's wear collection. The happening ended up being a signal of a larger trend to come. It also brings a set of problems: How best to wear it without looking ridiculous or burning someone's retinas?

Neon done right: model Dree Heming way in hot pink.

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### 1 Accessorize, accesorize

Wearing a bold neon handbag, pair of shoes, cuff bracelet or scarf as a statement accessory is the easiest way to rock the neon trend with the lowest amount of risk. It's also a great way to give your existing wardrobe an on-trend update. Best of all, it can give a basic, everyday outfit such as jeans and a T-shirt or an all-black ensemble an extra kick.

MARC JACOBS

### 2 Let your nails make a statement

If you don't want to shell out major money for Day-Glo clothing or accessories, do like recording artists such as M.I.A. and Ebony Bones and stock up on neon nail colors. It makes a credit-crunch friendly way to experiment with the trend without fully committing to it.

OPI has a selection of fun bright colors such as Flamingo Pink ($11) (right).

### 3 Go full-on

If you choose to wear a full-on fluorescent look, it's best to go with a strong single item (a dress, trousers, skirt or jacket, for example) rather than a complete outfit of Day-Glo separates and matching accessories. Accessorize with a whole lot of confidence.

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Not So Blue-berry appeals to our inner 8th grader, with its fragrance reminiscent of blueberry gumballs and/or scratch 'n' sniff stickers and a sparkly periwinkle finish.

Raspberry Rapture is a little more grown up; this vibrant candy shell pink smells the way sipping a Cosmopolitan tastes. We have a big crush on Coconut Crush, a shimmering white polish that brings to mind tropical resorts, sunscreen and luaus. Pretty in Papaya is a very wearable bright orange that releases a fragrance more similar rosewater than it's namesake, but we can't stop smelling our fingers while its on. And Mon Cherry is a retro red creme with a mouthwatering and familiar fragrance.

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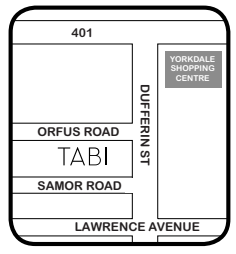


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By **RITA SILVAN**
Editor-in-Chef

What could be more seductive than hot French actor Vincent Cassel in a black tuxedo, descending the steps of the Grand Palais while several alluring models aim to slow him down?

Cassel is the face of the new Yves Saint Laurent fragrance for men, La Nuit de l'Homme. And on the night of the fragrance launch, appropriately set at the Musée de l'Homme in Paris, there was an audible gasp from normally jaded fashion editors as the perfume commercial was shown. Shot by Cassel's friend Gaspar Noé, the video perfectly captures a city in which people aren't too tired to have sex. More than once. A day. Taken a bit by surprise by the guests' reaction to his unconventional sex appeal, Cassel remarked: "This video refers to the Paris touch, which is a good thing. You can be louche, as long as you do it with style and elegance!"

The best way for a man to seduce a woman, he says, is "to keep a bit of distance but also have a straightforward attitude." And the secret to his relationship with bombshell Monica Bellucci? "Freedom—and don't take things too seriously."

**Editors' Pick**

## JETSET STYLE

Take your spring fashion inspiration from the globe-trotting supermodels: Update your wardrobe with sexy jetset accessories.

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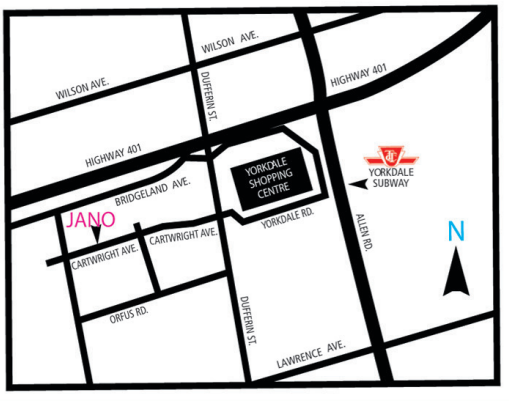


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# Food

**Choose rhubarb stalks that are firm and crisp. If plucking from your backyard, twist off stalks rather than cutting. Pick slender stalks — one should yield about 1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped.** BARB HOLLAND/FOR METRO CANADA

**Careful**
Avoid eating the leaves as they contain a potential toxin called oxalic acid.

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# You'll go crazy over this crumble

## Easy as pie? Actually it's easier, just as sweet and saves some extra calories and fat

**Great recipe for spring**

**It's spring, and the appearance of local farmers' markets signals the beginning of the best time to eat seasonally. When you shop at farmers' markets, you get the healthy benefit of eating foods at their nutritional peak and at their tastiest, as well as reducing your carbon footprint and supporting local growers.**

Early crops at the market include asparagus, beans, greens, lettuce, and rhubarb. As the summer progresses, more bounty arrives by the basketful. Check with your provincial association and harvestcanada.com to find your closest market.

Recognized by its large, green elephant ear-like leaves and long stalks, rhubarb is one of the earliest crops to push its way out of the ground. Depending on region and climate, stalks of fresh, field-grown rhubarb can be found from May through to July.

Rhubarb is a hardy perennial that grows well in our northern climate as it needs a long dormant period (called winter). Stalks vary in colour from green with red overtones to red with green overtones. Variety rather than colour determines sweetness (if you can use that word when it comes to rhubarb), and generally the more slender the stalk, the more tender.

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In this recipe you can substitute many kinds of fruit for the strawberry/rhubarb mixture.

### Rhubarb Strawberry Crumble

A crumble is simply fruit topped with a mixture of sugar, flour, butter and often nuts, which bakes into a crisp topping that offers much of the satisfaction of a pie with a lot less work, fewer calories and lower in fat. You can substitute many kinds of fruit for the rhubarb/strawberry mix, or use all rhubarb. Just figure on about 5 cups (1.25 L) sliced fruit, peeled if desired, and add sugar and lemon juice according to the fruit's sweetness. For juicy fruits such as peaches and berries, add 2 tbsp (30 ml) more flour to fruit mixture. Makes four to six servings.

**INGREDIENTS:**

**Topping:**

- 1/3 cup (75 ml) sliced almonds
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) lightly packed brown sugar
- Pinch salt
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) cold butter, cut into 1/4 inch pieces (5 mm)

**Fruit Mixture:**

- 4 cups (1 L) sliced rhubarb (1-1/2 lbs/750 g), about 1/2 inch (1 cm) slices
- 1 cup (250 ml) halved (or quartered if large) strawberries
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) each: All-purpose flour, brown sugar and granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) fresh lemon juice

**METHOD:**

Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). While oven is heating, spread almonds in a rimmed baking sheet. Bake until just golden and fragrant, 6 to 8 minutes. Do not allow them to brown.

In small food processor, place almonds, flour, brown sugar and salt, process into a fine meal. Transfer to a bowl. With fingers, work in the butter until mixture is very crumbly. Refrigerate 15 minutes or up to 2 days (covered and refrigerated until needed).

Butter a 6-cup (1.5 L) baking dish. In a large bowl, combine rhubarb and strawberries. Combine flour, brown sugar and granulated sugar; sprinkle over fruit and toss well. Sprinkle with lemon juice and toss again. Spread fruit evenly in baking dish and spread topping evenly over all.

Bake until fruit is bubbling and top is browned, 40 to 50 minutes. If top is browning too quickly, cover loosely with foil. Serve warm or at room temperature.

**TIPS:**

- Preparation/Cooking: Wash rhubarb, then slice or dice according to recipe. One pound (500 g) raw rhubarb yields about 3 cups (750 ml) sliced fruit. If overly mature, it may need to have its fibrous strings removed. Rhubarb browns naturally when cooked, but avoid aluminum or cast-iron pans or it will darken considerably. While quite fibrous, rhubarb is also 95 per cent water, so it cooks down to a sauce-like consistency within 10 minutes of cooking. It tastes sweeter once cooked, so add a minimum of sugar before cooking, then add more to taste after. A squeeze of fresh lemon also brings out its flavour.
- Storage: Wrap rhubarb in damp paper towels to keep the stalks moist, and place in a plastic bag in the refrigerator for a few days. For longer storage, rhubarb is a breeze to freeze; just chop it into pieces and place in airtight freezer bags. Thaw completely and drain well before cooking.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

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## BAREFOOT FOR A CAUSE

In 2001, a heart-broken Bilaal Rajan saw photographs of people whose lives had been taken or ruined by the earthquake in Gujarat, India. The four-year-old boy sold Clementines door to door in his southern Ontario neighbourhood to raise money for the victims.

"It truly wasn't fair that these people, just because they lived in different places, should have to suffer such tragedy," he says. He saw they needed someone to help them. "I came back to myself here in Canada and I realized that that person could be me."

Rajan has since raised millions of dollars to help orphans, build a school in Tanzania, assist people hit by hurricanes in Haiti and the tsunami in South-East Asia. Rajan is still only 12.

Last month, he spent a week walking barefoot to raise money and awareness for poor kids around the world. Thousands of people in ten countries joined in. "I had about four blisters, seven spider bites, I stepped on some glass, I almost stepped on a nail, but I guess that's life, right?" he says.

"The thought that carried me through the week was, if others can do it for their whole lives, why can't I do it for a week?

His first trip abroad was to South-East Asia after the 2004 tsunami, followed by a trip to Malawi in 2005.

Rajan is excited about his latest project, Sudokuhub.com. The web fundraiser is to be launched late summer or fall and will let players turn games into food. For every number solved, a package of "plumpy nuts," a healthy snack, is donated to a malnourished child.

Beyond that, he wants to continue being an activist. "As a career, I'd like to be an astronaut and a neurosurgeon," he says.

Bilaal Rajan, has written a book, founded an organization and is a child ambassador for UNICEF Canada.

Bilaal Rajan has packed a lot into 12 years. He's written a book, Making Change: Tips from an Underage Overachiever, and turned that into a website, Makingchangenow.com, to reach his goal of getting one million kids involved in their communities.

He founded an organization, Bilaalrajan.com, to focus his fundraising efforts. He's a child ambassador for UNICEF Canada, was named a junior citizen of the year and numerous other honours. Oh, and he speaks English, French, some Spanish, Mandarin and Swahili.

## Spelling his way to victory

There was nothing fishy about the way Zakhar Husak performed last weekend. The home-schooled Husak correctly spelled "caviar" to clinch his victory in the primary division of the Spelling Bee of Canada 22nd Annual Championship at the Delta Chelsea in Toronto on Sunday. The eight-year-old beat out 28 children, ages six to eight, to take the title.

Zakhar won $1,000, a trophy and a number of other prizes. Also placing in the annual bee's primary division were Niu Niu Wang, from Windsor, Ont., in second place, and Toronto's Neherika Nair winning third place. Both are eight years old.

## Kid wears his pride on his shirt

An eight-year-old Canadian boy named Eric is on top of the world after his t-shirt design was picked from hundreds of submissions around the country to represent Canadian pride.

His shirt, titled Proud to Be Canadian, shows a red-and-white maple leaf background with a cute cartoon beaver smiling and holding a hockey stick.

Proceeds from sales of the shirt he designed will go to provide safe, fun, healthy activities at school for children in kindergarten through the seventh grade, showing that little Eric not only has talent but a heart of gold as well.

## Hungry cat a lifesaver

Twelve-year-old Bilaal Rajan isn't the only one helping others. Angela and Peter Papdimitriou always knew their cat Nemo was a special gift in their lives but they never could have expected Nemo would give them back the gift of life.

Nemo has made a habit of waking up Angela and Peter for breakfast every morning with a warm, furry cuddle. One morning last September, Angela awoke to find Nemo behaving far more frantically than usual.

Angela tried to get her husband's attention to see if he knew what Nemo was getting at when she discovered Peter wasn't breathing and didn't have a heartbeat.

Paramedics arrived and successfully restarted Peter's heart, telling Angela that if they had arrived even a few minutes later, Peter might not have made it.

Angela credits Nemo with saving her husband's life. "That morning if he hadn't been so persistent and woken me, it could have been too late. Nemo is a little angel," Angela said.

Peter had open-heart surgery that day and is back home in stable condition thanks to the skilled doctors and the cute, pudgy feline cuddle-lover who saved his life.

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**Local favourites**

According to the Harris-Decima survey, a whopping 86 per cent of Canadians say they prefer to eat locally sourced food, with 77 per cent saying they are willing to pay more to do so. The survey was sponsored by Hellmann's for the new Eat Real, Eat Local campaign. Visit EatRealEatLocal.ca. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## LiquidAssets

**Peter Rockwell**

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# Beauty of the blend

The lexicon of liquor has many baffling entries, some of which need more explanation than an episode of Lost.

Take the term "blend." Consumers are just fine associating it with scotch, but in our single varietal world there seems to be a stigma attached to the idea that wines can be a mix of different grapes.

If you believe that, consider this. The concept of blending grape personalities is the foundation of some of the finest wine regions on Earth: Think France's Bordeaux and Champagne, Italy's Veneto and Portugal's Douro Valley.

Some grapes naturally go together. Others may seem unlikely but create magic in the bottle. The **2007 Hardy's Stamp Series Chardonnay Semillon ($9.95 - $11.99)** from Australia is a good example. You wouldn't think the pair would make a likely couple, but the chard offers a rounded, buttery flavour that's massaged nicely by the slight honeyed flow of the semillon.

How about a marriage of chardonnay, muscat and chenin blanc? The **2007 Folie à Deux Ménage à Trois White ($17.99 - $19.98)** is a jazzy Californian combo that shows lots of citrus, melon and ripe exotic fruit flavours while perfectly illustrating that the art is definitely in the blend.

*Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.*

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

## Personal Gourmet recipe of the month

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# Triple Chocolate Brownies

**You'll never taste a brownie so rich tasting and addictive than this one. The extra benefit is that it is also lower in fat, calories and cholesterol due to the use of oil, cocoa and light sour cream.**

LORELLA ZANETTI

**INGREDIENTS:**

2/3 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 egg
1 tsp pure vanilla extract
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/4 cup low-fat yogurt or sour cream
1/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/3 cup light cream cheese
2/3 cup icing sugar
1-1/2 tsp unsweetened cocoa powder
1-1/2 tsp water
dusting of icing sugar

**METHOD:**

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-inch square pan with cooking oil.

For the brownies, combine the sugar, oil, egg and vanilla in a bowl and mix well. Add the cocoa, mixing it in well. Add the flour, baking powder, yogurt and chocolate chips, mixing just until combined and smooth. Don't overmix.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake in the center of the oven for 15 to 20 minutes, just until set. Do not overbake. Cool on a rack for 15 minutes before icing.

To make the icing, place cream cheese, icing sugar, 1-1/2 tsp cocoa powder and water in a blender or food processor and process until smooth. Spread over the top of the brownies.

Cut into squares and garnish with a dusting of icing sugar, or drizzle melted dark and white chocolate overtop.

**PREP TIME: 10 MIN**
**COOK TIME: 20 MIN** **SERVES 12**

### Nutritional Info

PER SERVING

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| Protein: | 2.3 g | Saturated fat: | 1.5 g |
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| Fat: | 7 g | Calories: | 140 |

### About Rose

Rose Reisman is an author, media personality, nutritionist, and the inspiration behind a fresh food delivery service, Personal Gourmet, and new website, The Art of Living Well. Visit Rose at rosereisman.com & personalgourmet.ca

# Summertime salsa for delicious dipping

Instead of buying costly commercial salsas with preservatives, make this fresh spicy red version in minutes. Just remember, when handling the hot peppers such as jalapenos, use rubber gloves and keep hands away from eyes. This recipe comes from Oster Blender.

Make this fresh spicy salsa in just a few minutes.

**Fiery Red Salsa**
Makes 750 ml (3 cups).

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 large garlic cloves
- 1 medium onion
- 2 to 4 jalapeno peppers, quartered
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cilantro leaves
- 2 to 5 ml (1/2 to 1 tsp) sugar
- 2 cans, 398 ml each (14 oz), whole tomatoes, drained
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lime juice
- Salt to taste
- Tortilla chips for serving

**METHOD:**

Put all ingredients except tortilla chips into blender container in order given in recipe. Cover and pulse three times. Pour into bowl; serve with tortilla chips.

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## Local Savour

**Conviction**
609 King St. W.
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**Smoked Duck Pizza, $22**

What do you get when you gather ex-convicts together in a room with knives, mallets and a blow torch? Under chef Marc Thuet's instruction: An inventive, delicious meal.

Recently opened Conviction is the pet project of chef Thuet and his partner Biana Zorich, primarily staffed by ex-cons, and the subject of a TV series show this fall. Finding its home at King and Portland streets, the dining destination will never have trouble attracting curious new diners — and it's more than likely they'll come back.

Conviction's moderately priced menu offers slyly inventive Mediterranean fare that doesn't unsettle traditionalists. Our sampling menu highlighted one bold, inspired dish and another comfort classic: Papardelle pasta (with Ragout of oxtail and king oyster mushrooms) and a crispy, deeply nourishing pizza that left nothing to the imagination. Most mains on the dinner menu favour seafood and tender meats — lamb, veal and suckling pig.

Service is professional but open to playfulness; the interior airy and tasteful. (And in case you were wondering, the blow torch is for searing a plump marshmallow that sits daintily atop a brownie for dessert.)

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**Nickelback, Fernandes lead hunt for MMVAs**

Nickelback and singer Danny Fernandes lead the way with five nods each as the 2009 MMVAs nominations were announced yesterday. The 2009 MMVAs airs live Sunday, June 21, at 9 p.m. ET, on MuchMusic. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Entertainment

**Suicide doctor**

Al Pacino will star in a biopic about Jack Kevorkian, the right-to-die doctor who made headlines during his campaign to assist patients determined to commit suicide. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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# The goth rocker with a heart

## Marilyn Manson makes controversial return with sophisticated new album

### Marilyn **Manson**

**Album:** The High End of Low
**Label:** Interscope/Universal
**Rating:** ●●●½

**THE DEBATE HAS** already started among Marilyn Manson fans. Has our goth-rock shock trooper refound his old toxic self? Or is he merely slowing down his slide into a form of middle age introspective goo that even parents can find secretly listenable ... sometimes ... after dark ... like, way after the kids have gone to bed. Who cares? Listen to this album for what it is and not what you want Marilyn to be. He delivers a stylishly sophisticated album that's as much Bowie-esque culture croon as it is lyrically offensive. There are parts that seem more manufactured than industrial, especially the single Arma-godd**n-motherf**kin-geddon. But there are also frighteningly intense scenes of self-doubt. Yes, Marilyn does have a heart. No doubt, the old fans will want to rip it out.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

GETTY IMAGES

Goth rocker Marilyn Manson is back with a new album, the stylishly sophisticated The High End of Low.

### Mandy **Moore**

**Album:** Amanda Leigh
**Label:** Sony Music
**Rating:** ●●½

**IT'S HARD NOT** to feel for Mandy Moore. She came into the music world with Britney-like candy pop, and she's been trying to shed that image ever since. Her latest effort Amanda Leigh, named after the singer's first and middle names ("this is the real me!" she's saying), pushes her even farther away from the old days. This is a schizophrenic collection of folk, adult pop and the occasional rocker. The standouts are definitely the louder tracks and the more classic folk tunes, but the bouncy, cheesy track Pocket Philosopher and the musical-like, instrumental reprise of Merrimack River should have been shown the door.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

### Hayden

**Album:** The Place Where We Lived
**Label:** Hardwood/Universal
**Rating:** ●●½

**SWEET, SHY, INNOCENT** Hayden. We all have friends like you ... hiding in their basement apartments for weeks on end, afraid to come out and admit that their girlfriend dumped them for some guy who actually has a life. There are moments on this album — like Hayden's ragged electric guitar duel with himself on Dilapidated Heart or the wonderfully self-fulfilling lyrics of Let's Break Up — that point to what Hayden could do if he would only come out and play. But Hayden, truth is that this tired act simply gets boring after awhile. This album will appeal to young women yearning to cuddle our hapless teddy bear out of his dank lair. Try a hot mug of Ovaltine. It always seems to work.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

### Michael **Kaeshammer**

**Album:** Lovelight
**Label:** Alert
**Rating:** ●●●

**MICHAEL KAESHAMMER DOESN'T** have to prove his chops anymore. The German-born piano player has long been acknowledged as Canada's boogie woogie king. On Lovelight, he demonstrates a mature gift for songwriting. Sure there's a couple of nice but forgettable standards here, but the craft in this album comes through on the six co-writes with producer and fellow keyboard player Ron Lopato (jacksoul), especially the locomotive stomp of the title track and the wistful love song, Isabelle.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

## Music**Reviews**

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### Tori **Amos**

**Album:** Abnormally Addicted to Sin **Label:** Universal Republic/Universal
**Rating:** ●●●

**AFTER TORI AMOS'** ambitious American Doll Posse failed to resonate with the buying public, the quirky pianist returned with a relatively straight-up affair. However, her latest is still a pastiche of sounds, from the trip-hop gothic opener to the mundane ballad Maybe California, this record would appear to have something for everyone. And at 73 minutes and 17 songs it does, which isn't a good thing. While there are plenty of interesting moments, like Strong Black Vine's Zeppelin-like violin, other spots — the boring Not Dying Today for one — should teach Amos to use an editor next time.

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# Leno's legacy: He persisted

**An appraisal of a veteran talk-show host and comedian should have lots to say about his funniness. Let's just credit Jay Leno with persistence.**

On Friday, Leno surrenders his job as host of NBC's Tonight Show after 17 years. It's a job he won against stiff competition. Then, early in his run, it's a job he defended against NBC bosses who were having second thoughts.

Since the mid-1990s, he has won the late-night ratings war. With a smile on his face and never a complaint, he has worked tirelessly. (No one could believe it when he took a couple of sick days recently, his first while at Tonight.)

And even now, with Conan O'Brien set to take over Monday (thanks to NBC's transition plan that made Leno a late-night lame duck five years ago), he isn't really leaving. He's moving up. Next fall, The Jay Leno Show will premiere on NBC weeknights at 10.

At age 59, Leno is graduating from late night to what used to be perceived as TV's big time. NBC has made him lord of nearly one-fourth of its crumbling prime-time manor. But as his Tonight Show tenure comes to an end, what is his mark on that hallowed institution?

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Comedian Jay Leno performs during the Jay Leno Comedy Stimulus Plan show earlier this month in Wilmington, Ohio. Tomorrow night is his last as host of NBC's Tonight Show.

Uhhhhh, what to say, what to say?

It's so much easier to speak about the three hosts who preceded him.

Steve Allen (1954-57) gets credit for no less than inventing late night, down to the desk and couch. Allen was bespectacled and brainy, with a mischievous wit that would be felt in late-night long after he was gone.

Jack Paar (1957-62) was impishly well-spoken, boundlessly inquisitive and urbane in unpredictable ways — he could blow his top or shed sentimental tears, and still seem suave.

Johnny Carson (the king of Late Night, whose reign began in 1962) put North America to bed for 30 years. The things he joked about in his monologue; the guests he welcomed to his couch — he was a major cultural arbiter, a unifying force.

Since May 25, 1992, Leno has sat at the desk. Make no mistake, he has been a sturdy placeholder. Big chin, unfailingly likable. The sort of regular guy with whom his audience identifies.

And with whom his guests feel peace of mind, knowing Leno will handle them with care.

Leno handles everyone with care — most of all, his five million viewers. Consider how he cares for them in every monologue. He delivers each joke as if for slow learners, with its punch line underlined, reiterated, explained. His policy is clear: No Viewer Left Behind.

Without fail, Leno's show fills an hour and kills an hour. It never challenges its viewers by daring to do more. It's stable and dependable, with nothing left to chance or the viewer's imagination. No danger of a comedy breakthrough here. Small wonder David Letterman, not Leno, has always been the spiritual successor to Johnny Carson.

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**It's a boy for Nagra**

Parminder Nagra, best known for her role as Dr. Neela Rasgotra on NBC's ER, has welcomed a baby boy. "Parminder Nagra and her husband James Stenson are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Kai David Singh Stenson," her rep says. USMAGAZINE.COM

# Stars blast gay ruling

## Web abuzz with criticism for same-sex marriage ban

**George Takei and his longtime love, Brad Altman, are still legally wed.**

So are Ellen DeGeneres and Portia De Rossi. Both couples tied the knot during the five-month window when same-sex marriage was legal in California.

But the state Supreme Court's decision Tuesday to uphold Proposition 8, the gay-marriage ban approved by voters in November, made legal nuptials impossible going forward — and Hollywood isn't happy.

Several of its heavyweights opened their wallets to oppose the measure last year. Steven Spielberg and Kate Capshaw gave $100,000. So did Brad Pitt. DeGeneres made a public-service announcement urging voters to oppose the ballot initiative and purchased $100,000 of television commercial time for her ad.

But on Tuesday, celebrities took to the Web.

Kathy Griffin wrote on Twitter — where the court's ruling was among the top topics Tuesday — that she and her 89-year-old mother plan to protest against the decision by marching in West Hollywood, Calif. Celebrity blogger Perez Hilton used his site to call the court's decision "wrong, wrong, wrong!" and urged his readers to protest.

Here's a look at what some other stars had to say about the court's decision:

• "It seems that the California Supreme Court justices decided to be indecisive," said Takei, who married Altman Sept. 14, 2008. "Our marriage is intact but this issue is not settled. Inequality is still the rule of the land."

• "I'm sure you heard the prop 8 news," DeGeneres wrote on Twitter. "One day when everyone is treated with full equality, we'll look back and realize how wrong this was."

• "Those full of hate and fear will surely be disappointed that 18,000 same-sex couples will be living in wedded bliss, kissing their spouses goodnight, checking off those little 'married' boxes on all those forms we fill out nowadays. That's really going to drive them crazy," Melissa Etheridge, who exchanged vows with her longtime partner in a 2003 ceremony, said in a statement. "I am hopeful as I see more and more states turn to the inevitable future of equality, California will get there. Change takes time."

• "I blame miss california," Margaret Cho wrote on Twitter.

• "That's just awful," Elton John said in an interview on AccessHollywood.com. "When you see places like Iowa saying yes, there's now five states in America (where same-sex marriage is legal). California is supposed to be a progressive state. It defies logic to me. I'm very disappointed." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**"One day when everyone is treated with full equality, we'll look back and realize how wrong this was."**
Ellen DeGeneres' tweet on Prop 8

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Although Ellen DeGeneres' marriage to Portia De Rossi, right, will not be affected by California's Proposition 8, the talk show host was among many celebrities who criticized Tuesday's court ruling banning gay unions.

# Summer tours hinge on reunions, pricing

**MUSIC** If you missed some of your favourite '80s and '90s bands the first time around, there's a good chance you can catch them on the reunion trail this summer.

Reunions, packaging and pricing are key this year as artists and promoters try to fill seats in a soft economy.

No Doubt and Phish may be most anticipated, but Blink-182, Creed, Jane's Addiction and Fleetwood Mac also are back after breakups or long spells away.

Blink-182 singer Tom DeLonge says the California punk band is wiser than they were when they last toured in 2005.

"In the past we seemed to get bigger every time out, and we didn't care. We'd cancel shows or show up without rehearsing," DeLonge said recently. "Now everyone is taking it very seriously."

There's no dearth of blockbusters to choose from this summer. Coldplay, Green Day, Dave Matthews, Keith Urban, Jonas Brothers, Taylor Swift, Kid Rock, Rascal Flatts and AC/DC will be out. What may be the year's biggest tour, U2, crank up in September.

Artists and promoters are extra sensitive about prices this year. Swift, Urban, Blink-182, Nine Inch Nails and Crosby, Stills and Nash are all offering at least some tickets for about US$20. Several others start prices at about $30.

Summer is the most important season for the concert industry. Even with the recession, 2009 is shaping up to be a good year.

"Normally, promoters are quick to cry when things are not going well, and we're not hearing that," said Gary Bongiovanni, editor-in-chief of the concert industry publication Pollstar. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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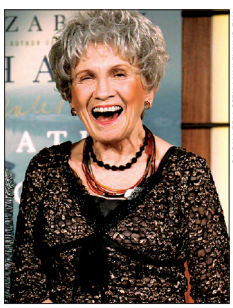
# Munro wins lifetime Man Booker

Alice Munro, one of Canada's most celebrated writers, known for stories of small-town life, won the Man Booker International Prize for lifetime achievement on Tuesday.

The prize is awarded every two years to a living author whose work has contributed to an achievement in fiction on the world stage.

"I am totally amazed and delighted," Munro told Man Booker Prize officials after receiving news of her win.

One of the world's most renowned short-story writers and the winner of numerous literary awards, Munro has lived in and spent much of her career writing about the lives of women in smalltown Canada. She has made an artform out of the ordinary.



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Canada's Alice Munro is regarded as one of the best short-story writers in the world.

"To read Alice Munro is to learn something every time that you never thought of before," the judging panel that included author Jane Smiley, writer Amit Chaudhuri and essayist Andrey Kurkov, said in a news release.

Munro has been recognized over and over for her short-story collections — three Libris Awards from the Canadian Booksellers Association, Governor Generals awards, top fiction prize from the National Book Circle in New York for The Love of a Good Woman, and in 1998, she won the Giller Prize for the same collection.

Her first collection of short stories, Dance of the Happy Shades (1968), won the Governor General's Literary Award as did her 1978 collection Who Do You Think You Are?

Her themes have evolved over the years, initially focusing on the trials and tribulations of adolescent girls growing up in small Ontario towns and more recently looking at the problems of middle age. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Munro picks

• **Dance of the Happy Shades,** 1968 (winner of the 1968 Governor General's Award for Fiction)
• **Something I've Been Meaning to Tell You,** 1974
• **Who Do You Think You Are?,** 1978 (winner of the 1978 Governor General's Award for Fiction)
• **The Progress of Love,** 1986 (winner of the 1986 Governor General's Award for Fiction)
• **Friend of My Youth,** 1990 (winner of the Trillium Book Award)
• **The Love of a Good Woman,** 1998 (winner of the 1998 Giller Prize)
• **Runaway,** 2004 (winner of the 2004 Giller Prize)
• **Too Much Happiness,** to be published Oct. 2009

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## McBride, Reid in CCMA lineup

**AWARDS** Martina McBride will perform in her first-ever appearance at the CCMA Awards this year. Toronto-bred singer Johnny Reid, the 2008 Canadian Country Music Association male artist of the year, is also in the lineup for the Sept. 13 show at Vancouver's GM Place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Kenya Hunt

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**Taylor tweets**

Actress Elizabeth Taylor, 77, sent a Twitter message to her fans this week announcing she was home after a hospital stay and "feeling great." A spokesman had earlier described the stay as a "routine visit." METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Hugh's son uses dad as his opening line

**WING MAN** Hugh Jackman's nine-year-old son is using his dad's Wolverine pedigree to woo girls. Jackman says his son Oscar, spotting a group of teenage girls one day, turned to him and said, "Hey dad, 2 o'clock, hot chicks." The Australian actor says the conversation made him squirm. But Jackman says his son marched right up to the girls and declared "Hey, you know that my dad's Wolverine?"

Jackman spoke to reporters this week while in Mexico City to promote X-Men Origins: Wolverine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Slumdog filmmakers meet with child stars

**The makers of Slumdog Millionaire met the film's two impoverished child stars yesterday in Mumbai and reassured them they will soon have new homes but the father of one of the children stormed out of the meeting.**

Rafiq Qureshi, the father of nine-year-old Rubina Ali, said the filmmakers have not done enough to help.

Ali and Azharuddin Mohammed Ismail, 10, both lost their homes this month after city authorities bulldozed parts of their slum in Mumbai. Rubina has been staying with relatives and Azhar has been living in a makeshift shanty of tarps and blankets with his parents.

"We've been trying for a long time to move them into legal accommodation," director Danny Boyle told reporters at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, where he and producer Christian Colson met the children and their families.

Relations between the filmmakers and the children's families have grown tense since the phenomenal success of the film, which grossed more than $326 million US.

The filmmakers set up a trust aimed at ensuring the children get proper homes, a decent education, a monthly stipend and a nest egg when they finish high school. They have pledged to spend up to $100,000 to buy the two families new apartments and have donated $747,500 to a charity to help slum children across Mumbai.

Nirja Mattoo, who helps oversee the children's trust, said a new home has been found for Azhar's family near to his school and neighbourhood. "We are finalizing the deal. Next week it should be done," she said. The hunt for Rubina's house continues, she added.

But Qureshi says Boyle has not done enough.

"It's no big deal for them, this kind of money. It's been five or six months we've been living in such difficulty. They should help us," he said in an interview after he cut the meeting short in anger. "After the Oscars they forgot about us," he added. "For two months we didn't get any money."

Boyle said he planned to make two more films set in Mumbai. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Slumdog Millionaire director Danny Boyle poses with the film's child stars, from left, Azharuddin Mohammed Ismail, 10, and Rubina Ali, 9, yesterday in Mumbai.**


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# AT&T workers helped Idol fans in voting

**CONTEST** American Idol sponsor AT&T says a few overeager company employees helped Arkansas fans vote by text at viewing parties but insists it didn't influence the final results.

Kris Allen of Conway, Ark., ended up winning the Idol title last week over Adam Lambert, who'd been cast as the frontrunner by the show's judges.

AT&T said that in the future the company will ensure employees understand that its sponsorship "celebrates the competition, not individual contestants."

In a separate statement, Fox and the show's producers said they are certain the results are "fair, accurate and verified" and that the integrity of the voting process was protected against unfair influence.

Meanwhile, Allen says he's looking forward to the Idol summer tour — and to recording an album that's like the music he performed on the show.

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# 'Bawling' for Boyle

## Clarkson tips hat to singing sensation

**From one talent show contestant to another: Well done.**

Kelly Clarkson, the winner of the debut season of American Idol in 2002, says she's a fan of surprise British singing star Susan Boyle, adding to a growing number of celebrity admirers that include Oprah Winfrey and Demi Moore.

Boyle, the 47-year-old church volunteer with a powerful voice, overcame a dowdy image to become an Internet sensation after her performance on the talent show Britain's Got Talent was posted on YouTube.

"I think it's awesome. I'm bawling whenever I hear her sing,'' Clarkson told The Associated Press in Hong Kong, saying Boyle's rendition of I Dreamed a Dream from the musical Les Miserables sounded beautiful.

Clarkson was in Hong Kong promoting her new album, All I Ever Wanted.

The 27-year-old singer said she still tries to catch American Idol when she can and defended the show against criticism that it has welcomed candidates with previous record deals or experience in other talent contests. Idol rules only require that contestants not be under a record or management contract when they audition.

"I personally think if someone has been affiliated with the industry, who cares? That just means they've been working hard and trying to get in the door,'' Clarkson said.

"Regardless, you're going to be an amateur talent. It's not like you've had a huge record deal and toured the world. It's not like they're going to be some huge threat.''

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First American Idol winner Kelly Clarkson is all praise for Britain's Got Talent contestant Susan Boyle.


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| | 509 | 504 | 79 | CNB | Kudlow Report | | CNBC Reports (HDTV) | | The Oprah Effect (N) | | The Oprah Effect | | Mad Money |
| sports | 405 | 417 | 22 | net | Air Racing From San Diego. | | UFC: Access | MMA Conn | Best Damn Sports Show | | Sportsnet Connected | | Hockey Central |
| | 400 | 400 | 30 | TSN | That's Hockey | E:60 (N) | | NBA Basketball: | Eastern Conference Final Game 5 -- Magic at Cavaliers | | | | SportsCentre |
| | 411 | 457 | 58 | OLN | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Departures | | Mantracker | | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Departures |
| | 417 | 406 | 81 | SC | Pimp My Ride | Pass Time | Pinks -- All Out (HDTV) | | Pinks -- All Out (HDTV) | | Wrecked (N) | Wrecked (N) | Pimp My Ride |
| family | 551 | 542 | 25 | YTV | Prank Patrol | Prank Patrol | Malcolm-Mid. | Futurama | In Real Life | | Falcon Beach | | Mystery Hnt. |
| | 554 | 544 | 45 | TEL | Totally Spies | Total Drama | 6TEEN | 6TEEN | Futurama | *Joe's Apartment* ★ (1996, Musical Comedy), Jim Sterling | | | |
| | 556 | 540 | 51 | FAM | Wizards-Place | Han. Montana | Zack & Cody | Latest Buzz | Wizards-Place | Life Derek | Ned's School | Cory in House | Zack & Cody |
| cable variety | 602 | 567 | 27 | W | Will & Grace | Friends | Divine Design | House | Confidential | Save Us-House | Divine Design | Love It-List It | House |
| | 570 | 580 | 29 | MM | One Tree Hill | | Technical Diff. | Technical Diff. | Daddy's Girls | Degrassi: TNG | MuchTopTens | | One Tree Hill |
| | 615 | 520 | 31 | A&E | The First 48 (HDTV) | | The First 48 (HDTV) | | The First 48 "Blackout" | | Crime 360 (HDTV) (N) | | The First 48 |
| | 700 | 800 | 35 | TLN | Centrovetrine | Sky TG 24 | Io e Mamma (Italian). | | | | Raymond | Raymond | George Lopez |
| | 571 | 581 | 36 | MMM | The Daily Fix | | Ranked! | | Storytellers Kid Rock. | | Entourage | Gene Simmons | The Daily Fix |
| | 575 | 583 | 38 | CMT | Shaye: This Is It | | Home Improve. | Home Improve. | Reba | Reba | Hope & Faith | Hope & Faith | Jason McCoy |
| | 616 | 521 | 39 | SHO | The Outer Limits | | Love-Death | Love-Death | Trailer Park | Trailer Park | *Sin City* ★★★ (2005, Crime Drama) | | |
| | 620 | 523 | 40 | BVO | Storytellers | Snapshot | Bathroom Divas-Opera Star | | *Pink Ludoos* ★★ (2004, Comedy-Drama) Shaheen Khan. | | | | Law & Order |
| | 601 | 562 | 41 | SLC | Skin Deep | Til Debt-Part | X-Weighted "Diane" | | X-Weighted | | X-Weighted | | ET Canada |
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| | 625 | 548 | 44 | COM | Air Farce | Just for Laughs | | Corner Gas | The Simpsons | South Park | VIP | Extreme Wind | Daily Show |
| | 600 | 564 | 46 | H&G | House Hunters | Property Virgin | Holmes in New Orleans | | Disaster DIY | Big Amazing | House Hunters | House Hunters | HolmesOrleans |
| | 294 | 529 | 47 | TBS | House-Payne | House-Payne | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | *Deep Blue Sea* (1999, Science Fiction) | | |
| | 576 | 582 | 49 | BET | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live | | *House Party 4: Down to the Last Minute* (2000, Comedy) | | | | College Hill | College Hill | *House Party 4* |
| | 627 | 528 | 50 | SPC | Stormworld | Grand Star | Star Trek: Voyager | | *The Adventures of Pluto Nash* ★ (2002, Comedy) | | | | Stargate SG-1 |
| | 581 | 566 | 52 | MTV | Room Raiders | After | MTV News | Cribs | The Hills | After Show | Canada's Next Top Model | | Teen Cribs |
| | 618 | 524 | 54 | TROP | Vanity Insanity | Inside Hollywood (DVS) | | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Raymond | Family Guy | Married... With | Seinfeld |
| | 603 | 561 | 56 | FOOD | Chef at Home | Exotic | Restaurant Makeover | | Jamie's School Dinners | | Jamie's School Dinners | | Chef Abroad |
| | 261 | 394 | 60 | V | Murder, She Wrote | | Wait for God | 'Allo, 'Allo! | *Edward Scissorhands* ★★★ (1990, Fantasy) Johnny Depp. | | | | Poltergeist |
| | 621 | 527 | 63 | STR | The Ellen DeGeneres Show | | TMZ (N) | etalk | 100 Sexiest Stars | | The Tonight Show-Jay Leno | | TMZ |
| | 553 | 546 | 65 | TRE | Backyardigans | Nght Grdn | Max & Ruby | Franklin | Little Bear | Maggie-Beast | Comfy Couch | Zigby | Max & Ruby |
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| | 126 | 730 | 102 | RDI | 24 Heures en 60 minutes | | Grands reportages (SC) | | Le Téléjournal (SC) | | RDI en direct | Le National | Le Téléjournal |
| | 526 | 507 | 249 | VIVA | Judging Amy | | Most Haunted | | Most Haunted | | Passion | Homicide File | Psychic Inv. |
| | 300 | 601 | 301 | M1 | *Down to the Dirt* (2008, Drama) Hugh Dillon, Joel Hynes. | | | | *Henry Poole Is Here* ★★ (2008) | | | (10:45) *Growing Op* | |
| | 305 | 612 | 306 | PIX | (6:50) *Major Dundee* ★★★ (1965, Western) | | | | *Collateral Damage* ★ (2002, Action), Elias Koteas | | | | (10:50) *Pitch* |

## critics' corner

**The Adventures of Pluto Nash**
If you need an Eddie Murphy fix, rent "Beverly Hills Cop," "Trading Places," "48 Hrs." or "The Nutty Professor" and avoid this flat 2002 comedy about a nightclub on the moon and the mobsters trying to take it over. A multiple Razzie Award nominee, it also belongs in the running for biggest waste of good actors: Murphy, Randy Quaid, Illeana Douglas, Peter Boyle, John Cleese and Rosario Dawson, for starters. 9 PM on SPC

**2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee**
Tom Bergeron hosts coverage of the final championship rounds of the annual spelling bee from Washington, D.C., where more than 290 spellers from around the globe have gathered to do their B-E-S-T with some really C-H-A-L-L-E-N-G-I-N-G words. The semifinals air earlier in the day on ABC's sister channel, ESPN. 8 PM on ABC

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## Celebrity Buzz

# Halle's online chat escapes

**CREEPY** Halle Berry finds fame so lonely, she has used the Internet to find friends, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actress admits in the past she has used websites to meet people and have "normal" conversations, away from the superficiality of Hollywood.

But she insists she stopped short of ever romancing a cyber companion.

Berry explains, "I never went so far as a date. But I've gone online and pretended to be someone else, in an attempt to have some anonymity.

"I've tried, many times, to have a normal conversation when celebrity wasn't a part of it. Sometimes it worked and at others it became a little weird.

"The reason I did it was I wanted to remember what it was like to have a real, honest exchange with someone and to be treated normally."

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# Prince Harry's good deed for war vet

**FEEL-GOOD** When he visits New York this weekend, Prince Harry has more to focus on than action on the polo field and fundraising for his Sentebale charity for African children. He'll pay special attention to the sacrifices made by servicemen and women around the world, people.com reports.

With this in mind, he has helped facilitate a dream trip to the U.S. for a young British marine who lost both his legs in a blast in Afghanistan.

Commando Joe Townsend, 21, was horrifically injured when he stepped on an anti-tank mine in Helmand province last year. Harry, 24, was serving in the same region (though they were not together) at the time.

While they are not travelling together to Manhattan, the pair will meet up privately during the prince's two-day stay. The veteran will join the prince on a tour of the facilities of a post-traumatic stress disorder treatment clinic at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Manhattan.

The original idea came from New York Mets owner Fred Wilpon, who approached royal staff and said he would pay for the trip. Harry — having heard of what he went through — nominated war hero Townsend. The New York visit will be Harry's first official tour to the U.S.

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## Hef looking to offload Playboy?

**BACKUP PLAN** Hugh Hefner is reportedly looking to unload his floundering Playboy empire, and is looking to Virgin's Richard Branson to buy it.

According to the New York Post, Hefner is looking for $300 million US for the company, which has lost $13 million already this year.

"Everyone says he'll never let go, that he'll take it with him to the grave," a source tells the paper, while a Playboy spokesperson says that though no offers have been made, Hefner would "listen to proposals that could create value for all of our shareholders."

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# Christie the matchmaker

**SETTING UP** Christie Brinkley says her days of chasing younger men are over, and she'd much rather spend her time helping her 23-year-old daughter, Alexa, find love, according to Contact Music. In fact, she already has a man picked out for her: John Mayer.

"He's perfect dating material for my daughter," Brinkley says.

But how would Alexa's father, Billy Joel, feel about it?

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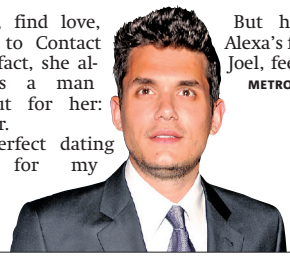
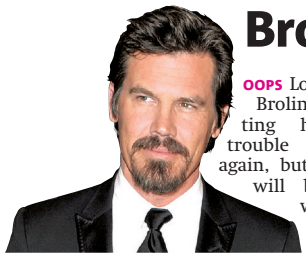


# Brolin headed for doghouse?



**OOPS** Looks like Josh Brolin may be getting himself into trouble in Louisiana again, but this time it will be with his wife, Diane Lane, and not with the law.

While in New Orleans to film Jonah Hex, Brolin was spotted "getting cozy" with a young woman at several area nightspots before surfacing at 7 a.m., according to In Touch.

"Josh looked like he hadn't slept at all and she was wearing the same outfit as the night before and looked embarrassed," a source tells the magazine.

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## Celebrity Buzz

# Mel and Oksana's new life

**EVERYDAY LIFE** So how do the original Sexiest Man Alive and his musician girlfriend spend their time together? Work, work, work, say family and friends — and then a little low-profile playtime, people.com reports.

By day, Mel Gibson, 53, and Oksana Grigorieva, who is pregnant with Gibson's eighth child, are hard at work at their respective careers — Gibson tending to film projects at his Santa Monica office while Grigorieva keeps busy making music at her house in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

"(Oksana) spent the last nine months locked up in a studio," her mother Lyudmila Chernukha, a retired music teacher, tells People of her daughter's collection of new songs — all of which Oksana, 39, wrote, arranged and sang herself.

Once work is over for the couple and the school bell has rung for Grigorieva's son, Alexander, 11, it's family time. The musician and her son will often meet up with Gibson — who has initiated divorce proceedings with his wife, Robyn — at his office or his Malibu home, sometimes dropping by a Russian restaurant that serves dishes from Grigorieva's homeland: Borscht, chicken Kiev and sturgeon.

"It (seems) very important to Oksana that Mel and her son bond," says a source. "Mel is fun to be around and great with kids."

At the end of the evening, the two typically returns to their separate homes so Grigorieva can get her son, whose dad is actor Timothy Dalton, off to a local school in the mornings. "She gets on well with Timothy Dalton, he is the father of her son after all," says Grigorieva's mother. "They parted on good terms and they see each other a lot."

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## Amy tries hand at fashion line

**STYLE MAVEN** While she's been camping out in the Caribbean and recording a new album, Amy Winehouse has apparently been inspired to be creative in other ways.

The singer is reportedly working on a fashion line with British label PPQ and designers Amy Molyneaux and Percy Parker, according to Women's Wear Daily. The line will launch later this year.

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## Uproar over Twitter TV show

**PROTEST** Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher have threatened to close their Twitter accounts if bosses of the social networking site enter into a proposed agreement to launch a reality TV show, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Hollywood trade magazine Daily Variety reports the San Francisco-based company has partnered with TV producers on an unscripted show, in which fans try to track down celebrities via the Internet — and the news has upset Tinseltown's leading tweeters.

In a post on Monday, Kutcher wrote, "It's all fun and games until somebody gets stalked."

And his wife added, "I hope this isn't true — if it is our Twitter time may come to a quick and sad end."

But Twitter co-founder Biz Stone insists there's "no official Twitter TV show" and the news relates to a "lightweight, non-exclusive agreement" he has with TV producers.

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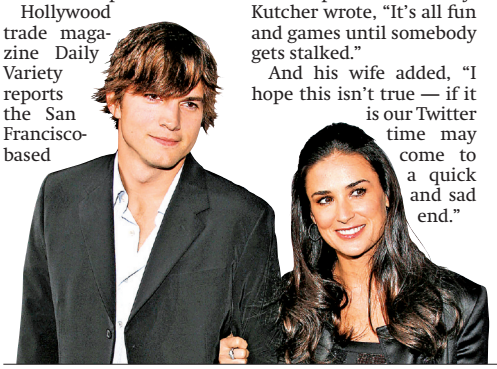

## Winona's fame caused big blues

**DARK DAYS** Winona Ryder has revealed she had an "extra-large breakdown" when she was 20, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 37-year-old actress struggled to cope when she was catapulted to worldwide fame following the success of her hit '90s movies.

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GETTY IMAGES

# Evangeline's accidental diss?

**LOOSE TONGUE** Did Lost's Evangeline Lilly accidentally diss Angelina Jolie? Asked in the new issue of Women's Health which Hollywood A-lister she admires most, Lilly says Jolie, usmagazine.com reports.

Why? "No one knows that woman; she's a complete ice queen, which is perfect," she explains. "Why should she be any more? She doesn't owe us anything."

Lily adds that Lost producers have told her that she hasn't picked up on the opportunity to become a big movie star like Jolie. "It frustrates (them) that they've given me this chance to become the next Angelina," she says. "Sure, I'd love to be her, but just the humanitarian side."

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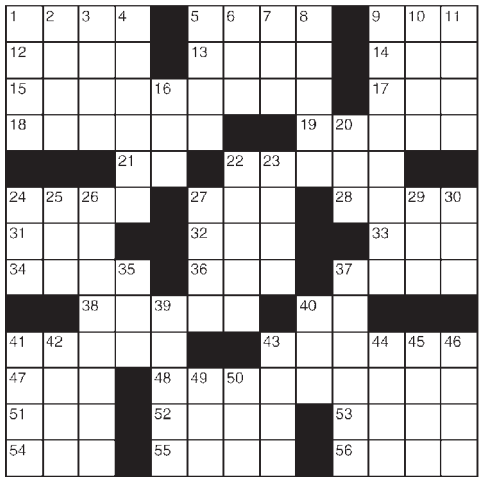

## Crossword across

1 "Dragnet" star
5 Steffi of tennis fame
9 Society newcomer
12 Car bar
13 "Mona —"
14 Buckeyes' sch.
15 Focus on
17 Miss at a barn dance
18 Spa
19 Terrible
21 Former partner
22 City of India
24 "Lion King" baddie
27 Geological period
28 Shrek, for one
31 Tin Man's need
32 — de deux
33 Towel designation
34 Hairless
36 Lamb's dam
37 Put an end to
38 Insurgent
40 Lindbergh book
41 Pigs
43 Make fizzy
47 Trail behind
48 "Don't let go!"
51 "That's 19-Across!"
52 Dumbfounded
53 Diva's delivery
54 Encountered
55 Trawler gear
56 Glaswegian girl

## Crossword down

1 Cleanse
2 Fair, for short
3 Rorschach figure
4 Improved
5 Smooth-talking
6 Tractor-trailer
7 Blond shade
8 Deadly
9 It may include a pair of aces
10 Isaac's eldest
11 Wall Street optimist
16 Illumination measure
20 Terse question
22 Speak slowly?
23 Facility
24 Weep loudly
25 Spy-novel grp.
26 Fine
27 Duel tool
29 Carnival city
30 Kreskin's claim
35 Lair
37 Soap opera, e.g.
39 Borstal Boy author
40 Drenched
41 Poor area of town
42 Carry on
43 Tosses in
44 Taj Mahal city
45 Anything but that
46 Greek vowels
49 Have bills
50 Allow

## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

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| 7 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
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13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

## Metro Recipe of the Day

### Teriyaki Lamb Chops

**INGREDIENTS:**

6 scallions
2 tbsp (25 ml) sesame seeds
1/4 cup (175 ml) reduced-salt soy sauce
2 tbsp (25 ml) cider vinegar
2 tbsp (25 ml) clear honey
1 small garlic clove, finely chopped
3/4 tsp (4 ml) ground ginger
8 bone-in lamb loin chops, trimmed
1/2 lb (250 g) Chinese vermicelli
4 carrots
1 red pepper
1/2 of 1 can (398 ml) whole baby corn, drained
1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) cornstarch

**METHOD:**

1. Cut 2 scallions into thin slices and rest into 1-1/2-in. (4-cm) pieces. Toast sesame seeds in non-stick frying pan, 3 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in soy sauce, vinegar, honey, garlic, ginger and sliced scallions.
2. Roll narrow end of chops into medallions and secure with toothpicks. Place in baking dish and pour in soy sauce mixture. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour.
3. Cook noodles according to package directions. Drain. Cut carrots and pepper into matchsticks and blanch in enough water to cover, 3 minutes. Add remaining scallions and corn. Blanch until vegetables are crisp-tender, about 2 minutes. Drain and toss with noodles.
4. Preheat broiler. Remove chops from marinade; pour marinade into small pot. Broil chops 5 in. (12 cm) from heat until done to taste, 4 minutes per side for medium. Transfer to platter, remove toothpicks and keep warm. Bring marinade to boil. Cook, stirring, 2 minutes. Dissolve cornstarch in 1/3 cup (75 ml) water and whisk into marinade. Boil over medium-high heat, whisking, until sauce thickens, 2 minutes. Toss half of sauce with noodles, drizzle remainder over chops and serve.

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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**ARIES** ♈
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**
Your financial plans may need to be rethought over the next few days. You may have trusted dodgy information: Change now or it will cost you later.

**TAURUS** ♉
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**
Look closely at some decisions you've made in recent weeks. Were they really for the best? It's not too late to think again, but you've got to be quick.

**GEMINI** ♊
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**
A fear or anxiety you thought was over and done with will surface again over the next 24 hours, but it's only a passing phase, so don't be alarmed.

**CANCER** ♋
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**
You seem to think that if you don't grab all you can get you'll miss out, maybe even starve. It's not even remotely true, so calm down.

**LEO** ♌
**JULY 23-AUG 23**
Certain events seem to be spiralling out of control but there is no need to worry, still less to change what you are doing. Go with the flow.

**VIRGO** ♍
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**
It might be an idea to think again about something you decided over the past few weeks, especially if the decision was made in haste.

**LIBRA** ♎
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**
Be ready to change your plans at a moment's notice. Even the most far-sighted of Librans won't be able to see what is coming around the next bend.

**SCORPIO** ♏
**OCT 24-NOV 22**
You may be tempted to withhold your affection from someone who has let you down, but if you punish them you will also be punishing yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS** ♐
**NOV 23-DEC 21**
If something is worrying you it is most likely just your imagination up to its tricks again. You have nothing to be anxious about — life is good.

**CAPRICORN** ♑
**DEC 22-JAN 20**
If you let someone get away with something they do not deserve to today they'll likely think you're weak and take more liberties in coming days.

**AQUARIUS** ♒
**JAN 21-FEB 18**
The best way to deal with an emotional problem is to ignore it. Refuse to focus on it and you'll deny it the energy it needs to be important.

**PISCES** ♓
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**
Something you thought was fact will turn out to be fiction today, and you won't be happy you were fooled so easily. Don't be too hard on yourself.

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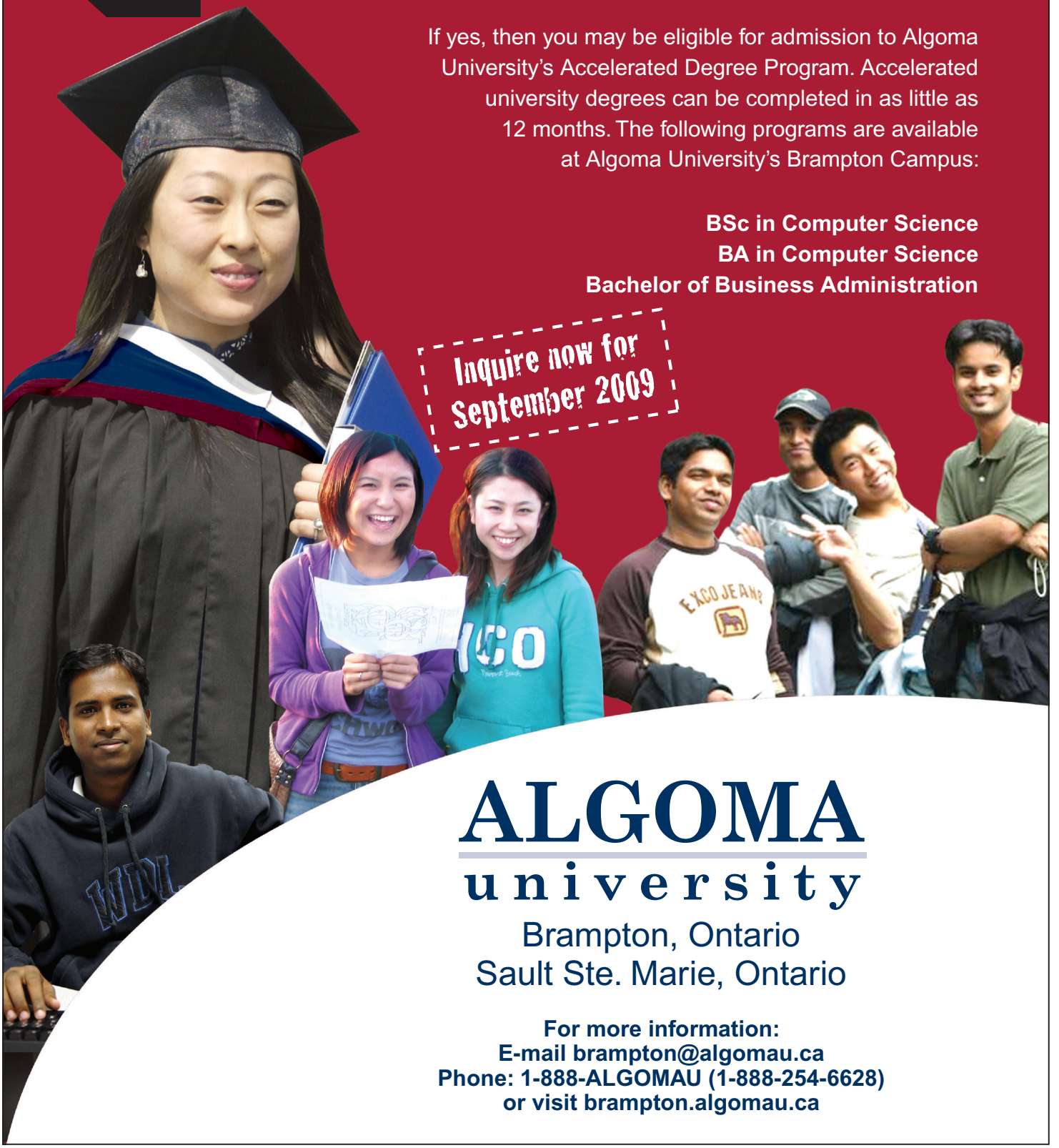


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